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SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

AT THEIR SESSIONS

In Columia, S. C., December 1844.

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FIRST SESSION.

COLUMBIA, (S. C.,) Thursday, Dec. 12, 1844,
Seven o'clock, P. M.

The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia met, according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. J. S. Wilson, from Joshua 13: 1, last clause, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

Constituted with prayer.

PRESENT.

From the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Ministers.	Elders.	Churches.
A. W. Ross,	George Boozer,	Smyrna..
D. Humphreys,	Chan. J. Johnson,	Aveleigh.
J. Hillhouse,	Andrew Reid,	Good Hope.
G. W. Boggs,	Gen J. N. Whitner,	Anderson C. H.
J. F. Gibert,	M. O. M'Caslan,	Hopewell
D. McNeil Turner,	Gen. J. Gillam,	Rocky Creek.
J. McKittrick,		
W. H. Davis.		

From the Presbytery of Hopewell.

R. Chamberlain,	William Shear,	Augusta.
N. Hoyt, D. D.,		
S. K. Talmage,		
F. Bowman,		
H. C. Carter,		
F. R. Goulding.		
J. W. Baker,		
Chas. S. Dod.		

From the Presbytery of Harmony.

Ministers.	Elders.	Churches.
R. B. Campbell,	W. E. James,	Darlington.
J. Brown,	John Thompson,	Lebanon.
W. Brearley,	Dr. Carothers,	Mt. Olivet.
T. R. English,	S. E. Gregg,	Hopewell.
W. M. Reid,	S. E. Wilson,	Mt. Zion.
M. D. Frazer,	J. K. Douglas,	Camden.
S. Donnelly,	Jas. M'Creight,	Winnsboro'.
R. C. Ketchum,	G. R. Hunter,	Aimwell.
J. C. Coit,	T. E. Dickey,	Harmony.
A. G. Peden,	John Barnes,	Beaver Creek.
G. C. Gregg,		
S. H. Hay.		

From the Presbytery of Charleston.

A. W. Leland, D. D.,	Wm. Law,	Columbia.
B. Gildersleeve,	R. B. Beden,	Walterboro'.
Edward Palmer,	Samuel Clarke,	Beech Island.
George Howe, D. D.,	W. A. Hay,	Boiling Springs.
T. Smyth, D. D.,	Wm. Dearing,	2d Presb. Church, [Charleston.
J. J. Dubose,		
J. H. Thornwell,		
B. M. Palmer, Jr.		

From the Presbytery of Georgia.

Wm. McWhir, D. D.,	None.	
C. C. Jones,		
W. Baird,		
I. S. K. Axson,		
John Jones.		

From the Presbytery of Flint River.

J. S. Wilson,	Horace Smith,	Carolton.
J. C. Patterson.		

From the Presbytery of Bethel.

J. Douglas,	John Banks,	Concord.
F. Jacobs,	A. McJunkin,	Cane Creek,
P. E. Bishop,	D. G. Stinson,	Cedar Shoals.

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Ministers.	Elders.	Churches.
S. L. Watson,	Wm. Wylie,	Catholic.
J. R. Gilland,		
W. Banks,		
L. W. Curtis,		
W. P. Harrison,		
J. H. Saye.		

From the Presbytery of Florida.

B. Burroughs.	None.

ABSENT.

Presbytery of South Carolina.—J. B. Kennedy, Hugh Dickson, B. D. Dupree, P. H. Folker, W. Carlile, S. B. Lewers, J. L. Kennedy, E. Cater, E. T. Buist, W. McWhorter, W. H. Harris, Z. L. Holmes.

Presbytery of Hopewell.—E. Pharr, A. Church, D. D., H. Safford, J. C. Baldwin, J. W. Reid, J. Harrison, C. P. Beman, R. Hooker, A. N. Cunningham, G. H. W. Petrie.

Presbytery of Harmony.—J. Harrington, J. McFarland, D. McQueen, J. L. Wilson, P. Pierson, D. J. Auld, A. Buie, J. P. McPherson, M. Peden.

Presbytery of Charleston.—J. Wallace, J. F. Lanneau, J. B. Adger, T. L. Merrick, T. L. McBride, R. Q. Way.

Presbytery of Georgia.—R. Quarterman, John Winn, Alexander Wilson M'Clure, Henry Axtell.

Presbytery of Flint River.—T. Goulding, D. D., J. Y. Alexander, W. Cunningham, D. Ingles, H. L. Dean, R. T. Marks, T. F. Montgomery, L. W. Corbin, Geo. Dunham.

Presbytery of Bethel.—R. B. Walker, A. H. Caldwell, W. B. Davies.

Presbytery of Florida.—J. S. Graves, J. Phelps, R. M. Baker, Eli Graves.

Presbytery of Cherokee.—J. Gamble, I. W. Waddel, A. B. M'Corkle.

The roll being completed, Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday Morning, 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of last evening were read.

The Rev. Edward Palmer was chosen Moderator, B. Gildersleeve Temporary Clerk, and R. C. Ketchum Reading Clerk.

The minutes of the last stated sessions were read.

The absentees from former meetings, who were present, rendered their several excuses, which were sustained.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees, viz:

On Bills and Overtures.—C. C. Jones, Dr. Howe, F. Jacobs, T. R. English, with Elders Dr. Carothers, S. Clarke, and W. Shear.

Judicial Committee.—N. A. Pratt, F. R. Goulding, with Elders R. B. Beden, and J. K. Douglas.

On Finance.—Gen. Gillam, Wm. Dearing, and Wm. Shear.

On Religious Exercises.—B. M. Palmer, Jr., J. C. Coit, J. S. Wilson, with Elders W. Law, and W. A. Hay.

ON PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS

South Carolina.—R. Chamberlain, W. M. Reid, with Elder T. E. Dickey.

Hopewell.—J. F. Gibert, J. J. Dubose, with Elder S. Clarke.

Harmony.—J. R. Gilland, B. Burroughs, with Elder G. Boozer.

Charleston.—S. Donnelly, J. Douglas, with Elder D. G. Stinson.

Georgia.—J. W. Baker, M. D. Frazer, with Elder H. Smith.

Bethel.—F. Bowman, A. W. Ross, with Elder S. E. Gregg.

Flint River.—G. C. Gregg, D. Humphreys, with Elder J. Gilham.

Florida.—H. C. Carter, A. G. Peden, with Elder W. Wylie.

Cherokee.—R. B. Campbell, R. Ketchum, with Elder M. O. M'Caslan.

Narrative.—Dr. Leland, D. McNeil Turner, with Elder A. Reid.

On Minutes of General Assembly.—C. S. Dod, J. Jones, with Elder S. E. Wilson.

Letters were read from Dr. Church, Mr. McWhorter, and Mr. M'Corkle, containing their reasons for absence, which were sustained.

The Rev. Mr. Curtis, of the Baptist Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Synodical Committee of Education offered their report, which was read, accepted, and referred to a committee, consisting of Dr. Smyth, Dr. Hoyt, Gen. Whitner, Mr. Dod, and Mr. Pratt.

It was made the order of the day, for 11 o'clock to-morrow, to receive the report of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Committee appointed last year to adapt the Constitution of the Theological Seminary of the Synod presented their report, which was read and accepted. It was then moved to adopt it, but before the question was taken, the Report was, for the present, laid on the table.

Resolved, That this Synod direct the committee of Bills and Overtures to bring in a minute for the division of this body into two Synods, viz: the one to be called the Synod of South Carolina, and the other to be called the Synod of Georgia.

The Committee of Publication presented their Report, stating that they had published and distributed five hundred copies of the minutes, as directed, at an expence of $55.— Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Religious exercises reported the following scheme of exercises, which was adopted, viz:

On Friday night a sermon by the Rev. N. A. Pratt.

On Saturday afternoon, Preparatory Lecture, by the Rev. F. Bowman.

On Saturday night the Religious exercises of Synod, as follows.—1. Hymn by the Moderator. 2, Prayer by the Rev. P. E. Bishop. 3, Reading the Scriptures by Rev. Dr. Hoyt. 4. Address on the Religious instruction of Negroes, by Rev. C. C. Jones. 5, Hymn by the Rev. B. Burroughs. 6, Address on the great objects of the saint's desire in his approaches to God, by Rev. F. Jacobs. 7, Prayer by the Rev. R. B. Campbell. 8, Benediction by the Moderator.

On Sabbath Morning, Sermon by the Moderator. Communion Address by the Rev. A. W. Ross. On Sabbath Afternoon, Sermon by the Rev. I. S. K. Axson. On Sabbath night, Missionary meeting.

On Monday night, Sermon by Rev. D. McNeil Turner,

Statistical Reports, and Reports on the state of Religion, being called for,

The Presbytery of Hopewell reported that they consist of 19 Ministers, and have under their care 29 churches, 2 Licentiates, and 4 candidates. They further report that they have ordained Charles S. Dod, and installed him Pastor of the Augusta church; and that they have licensed Mr. Homer Hendee, to preach the Gospel.

The Presbytery of Charleston reported that they consist of 13 Ministers, and have under their care six churches, five Licentiates, and three candidates. That they have dismissed the Rev. G. W. Boggs, and T. L. McBride, to join the Presbytery of South Carolina, and the Rev. J. J. DuBose, to join

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the Presbytery of Harmony—that they have licensed Messrs. Charles A. Stillman, and dismissed him to the care of the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa—that they have licensed E. F. Hyde, and dismissed him to the care of the Presbytery of South Carolina—and that they have installed the Rev. Edward Palmer Pastor of the church at Walterboro,

The Presbytery of Florida report that they consist of five Ministers, and has under its care 1 Licentiate, and 9 churches, and 312 communicants.

The Presbytery of Flint River report that they consist of 10 Ministers, and have under their care 37 churches, and four Licentiates—that since the last report they have dissolved the church called Franklin; and have received under their care the Licentiate James Rosamond from Harmony Presbytery, and installed Rev. J. S. Wilson Pastor of the church at Decatur—and that the Rev. J. W. Corbin has departed this life.

The Presbytery of South Carolina reported that they consist of 20 Ministers and four Licentiates. and has under its care forty congregations and four candidates for the ministry —that they have received Rev. D. McNeil Turner from the Presbytery of Bethel, and installed him Pastor of Long Cane church—that they have received the Rev. G. M. Boggs from the Presbytery of Charleston, and dismissed the Rev. John Boggs to the Presbytery of Winchester—that they have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev, E. T. Buist and Nazareth Church, and between Rev. J. McKittrick and Aveleigh and Smyrna Churches—that they have received from Charleston Presbytery, as a Licentiate, Mr. Z. L. Holmes, ordained and installed him pastor of the Nazareth Church—that they have licensed Messrs. Edmund Anderson, Joseph Gibert, C. B. Stewart, and John C. Williams, and received two new congregations under its care.

The Presbytery of Bethel reported that they consist of twelve Ministers, and have twenty-two churches, two Licentiates, and six Candidates under their care—that they have ordained the Rev. William P. Harrison, and installed him pastor of Waxhaw and Lancasterville churches—and that they have licensed Mr. J. P. Baird.

The Presbytery of Harmony report, that they consist of twenty-one Ministers, and have under their care twenty-six churches, three Licentiates, and three Candidates—that they have dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. M. Peden with Mount Olivet Church, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Tombecbee—that they have dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. R. C. Ketchum with Salem, Little River—that they have received J. L. McIver, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Concord.

The Presbytery of Cherokee report to Synod, that they consist of six Ministers, and have under their care one Licentiate, and thirteen churches; that they have received under their care Mr. Charles R. Smith, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Concord, and Mr. Richard A. Milner, a Licentiate formerly under the care of Etowah Presbytery, and ordained by them as an Evangelist; that they have received under their care the Church of Friendship, formerly in connection with Etowah Presbytery; and that they have dismissed Mr. James B. Dunwody, a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Charleston.

The Presbytery of Georgia reported, that they consist of ten Ministers, and have nine churches under their care, and three Licentiates—that they have received the Rev. John B. Ross from the Presbytery of West Hanover, and licensed Mr. Moses Allen Williams to preach the Gospel.

Synod had a recess to meet this afternoon at half past 3 o'clock.

Third Session.

Half past 3 o'clock.

Synod met. The minutes of the morning were read.—The Narrative from the Presbytery of Florida was read, and referred to the Committee on the Narrative. An Overture from that Presbytery was also read, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The roll was called, as ordered by the last meeting of Synod, to ascertain how far the ministers had complied with the direction to preach on the subject of the Sabbath—when it appeared that they had in a great measure complied with the letter or with the spirit of the injunction.

Rev. E. T. Buist appeared in Synod, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for his tardiness, took his seat.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures presented Overture No. 1, it being a memorial from the Cherokee Presbytery in relation to the action of the Synod in 1839 upon the proceedings of Charleston Union Presbytery. To this Memorial the committee appended three resolutions, which were read, and ordered to be placed on the docket.

Mr. William P. McFadden, Elder of Hopewell Church, Bethel Presbytery, being present, took his seat as a member.

The Committee on Finance offered the following report, which was adopted, viz:

Expenses for printing and distributing Minutes,	$55 00
Stated Clerk's salary,	50 00
	$105 00

To meet which the committee recommend an assessment on the Presbyteries as follows, viz:—

Hopewell,	$16 00
Flint River,	10 00
Georgia,	10 00
Florida,	5 00
South Carolina,	16 00
Harmony,	16 00
Charleston,	14 00
Bethel,	13 00
Cherokee,	5 00
	$105 00

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

Saturday Morning—10 o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes were read.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented their report, which was accepted, and the following resolutions, at their suggestion, were adopted:

Resolved, That in regard to the sanctification of the Lord's Day, this Synod would reiterate the expression of their solemn sense of its surpassing importance to the temporal, spiritual, and eternal well being of all men.

Resolved, That we rejoice in numerous indications that the simultaneous efforts of the friends of the Sabbath, in all parts of the country in behalf of its due observance, have been blessed with a measure of success, for which we would thank God and take courage, however far short it may fall of what we should desire, and pray for, and labor to attain.

Resolved, That it be and hereby is enjoined upon all the ministers of this body to keep this subject before their people, and that all our Ministers, Elders, and church-members, be and hereby are solemnly admonished to be watchful, that they sanctify the Sabbath in their private retirement, in their families, and before the world.

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, adopt the sentiments of the General Assembly, "that the work of Domestic Missions is, in a very special sense, the work of American christians, a trust to the American churches, and for the accomplishment of which, Christians of this land will be held responsible by the Head of the Church."

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Synod, a more sedulous care of our feeble churches, and a more watchful observance of favorable openings for the establishment of new churches, is demanded of the Presbyteries, in order to the performance of our whole duty as a church in this cause.

Resolved, That the Synod commend this cause specially to the prayers and contributions of the Churches.

The Committee of last year to inquire what alterations, if any, were necessary in the Constitution of Oglethorpe University, in case the Synod should be divided, presented their report, which was placed on the docket.

The narratives on the state of religion from the Presbyteries were committed to the Committee on the Narrative.

Overture No. 1, it being on the memorial of the Cherokee Presbytery, was taken up, amended, and adopted, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the Synod expressly declare that they sustained and acknowledged the minority of the Charleston Union Presbytery on the ground of their adherence to the Assemblies of 1837 and 1838, as will be seen by reference to the Minutes of Synod; and that said Presbytery have themselves ever disavowed any such demand of approval on the part of the brethren now constituting the Charleston Union Presbytery, and have themselves unanimously and cordially adopted as their own the explanatory act of the General Assembly of 1842, and which the memorialists regard as sufficient to meet the difficulties in the case.

Resolved, That it is the disposition of this Synod to receive all Ministers and Churches who wish to be connected with us according to the principles and views expressed in the Resolutions of the General Assembly, adopted by this Synod at its sessions in Athens, Georgia, 1842.

Resolved, further, That if any Minister or Church wishes to come into connection with this Synod, that it may at once be done through a Presbytery recognized and in regular connection with this body.

The Trustees of Oglethorpe University presented their report, which was read by Col. Greaves, one of the Trustees—which was accepted, and is as follows:

"The Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University report to the Synod that the whole number of students connected with the various departments of the institution during the

past year, was eighty-eight. Of this number ten were in attendance on the Law lectures—forty-three in the College classes—and thirty-five in the preparatory department.

"The late graduating class consisted of ten members, of whom nine were admitted to the first degree in the arts, and one completed the irregular course provided for by the rules of the Institution.

"The character and deportment of the students as to habits of study and moral conduct has been highly satisfactory. One student was dismissed during the year, which has been the first and only instance of the necessity of severe discipline for the three years past. A very hopeful and interesting state of seriousness seemed to pervade the minds of almost all the students of the College during the latter part of the winter season. The meetings for prayer held by the students were crowded and deeply solemn.

"This state of seriousness of mind was somewhat dissipated by the dispersion of the members of the College during the vacation which shortly ensued—but we have good reason to hope that many deep and salutary impressions were made which will never be lost. There has been manifested during the year a very pleasing interest among the young men in benevolent objects. We have been particularly gratified to hear of the efforts and plans of a Bible Society among the young men to circulate the Sacred Scriptures by their own members among the destitute of the counties in the vicinity of the College. The high moral and religious tone of the sentiments uttered in the orations at the late commencement and which was a matter of general remark by the audience, afforded a most gratifying demonstration of what may be expected from our plan of religious education when the system is fully carried out—and of the comparative safety to parents and benefit to the church and the world that may reasonably be anticipated when our Faculty shall be fully organized, and the prayers of the church be found ascending to a throne of grace in behalf of our congregated youth.

"We are under the solemn conviction that there is no object now before our Synod in which it has a deeper interest, and that in the success or failure of our enterprise are involved consequences of untold and incalculable magnitude to our children, to the church, and to the world.

"Our Professor elect in Alabama, the Rev. T. S. Witherspoon gives us the cheering intelligence that the Synod of Alabama is fully awake and alive as to the importance of a religious College under the care of the Church—that the endowment of the professorship there is rapidly advancing to its completion, and that he expects during the course of

the next College session to be able to enter upon the duties of his chair with a large number of students, from the State of Alabama.

"The General Agent and the President of the College, in comparatively short visits to Carolina in the spring, with the aid of brethren who assisted them, secured about six thousand dollars towards the endowment of the South Carolina Professorship. Part of this amount was paid in cash, and is now loaned out within the State and drawing interest—part of it was received in the form of notes from the subscribers—considerable contributions from the churches are expected to be added to that amount during the sessions of the Synod in Columbia. W. P. Finley, Esq., the Professor elect from Carolina, having accepted of his chair on the condition that his endowment was secured within six months, waited for that time the result of the action of the Synod, and has since directed his attention to other objects. The Board would very respectfully and earnestly urge upon the South Carolina portion of the Synod to adopt some prompt and efficient measures to complete the endowment and select a suitable incumbent for the chair.

"Professor Fitten having resigned his chair in the Faculty, the Board have unanimously elected the Rev. John W. Baker to fill his place, and request the Synod to confirm this election.

"The Board would further report that the term of service of the following members of their body expires at this time, and requires to be filled, viz: *Ministers*—R. Hooker, J. S. Wilson, F. Bowman. *Laymen*—D. C. Campbell, G. T. Snowden, T. Fort, W. Shear, M. G Harris."

The Board in accordance with the direction of Synod, reported a plan for the management and government of the College, as adapted to the proposed division of the Synod, and in view of the provisions of our charter; which was adopted.

Resolved, That they confirm the nomination by the Trustees, of the Rev. J. W. Baker to the Professor's chair, formerly occupied by Professor Fitten, resigned

Nominations were made of Trustees to fill the place of those whose term of service expires at this meeting.

Nominations were also made of Directors for the Theological Seminary, and it was made the order of the day for the election at 10 o'clock on Monday morning.

The order of the day, (viz.) the report of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions, was taken up, and read by the Rev. Dr. Smyth—accepted, and referred to a committee consisting of C. C. Jones, F. Bowman, and William Shear.

The committee on the Records of Bethel Presbytery offered their report, which was amended and adopted, and the Records approved, with the exception of the minute in the case of Mr. Harrison—the Synod deeming it irregular to hear a trial exercise when the court was not regularly constituted. The Synod also directs the Presbytery to complete their record in the same case, no mention being made that the constitutional questions was proposed to the Pastor, or the usual charges delivered.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures presented Overtures No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4, which were read and placed on the docket.

Overture No. 2, which relates to the dividing line between the Presbyteries of Flint River and Florida, was taken up, adopted, and is as follows, viz :

Resolved, That the request of the Presbytery of Florida be granted, and that the boundary of Flint River Presbytery be so altered as to place the County of Decatur, in Georgia, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Florida.

The committee on the Records of Harmony and Flint River Presbyteries presented their Reports, recommending that the books be approved, which was adopted.

It was made the order of the day for half past three o'clock, for Synod to take up from the docket Overture No. 4.

Synod then had a recess to meet at half past 3 o'clock.

FIFTH SESSION.

Half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and proceeded to the order of the day. (viz.) Overture No. 4, which relates to the division of this Synod, which was waived, for the purpose of taking up the remainder of the Report of the committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly—Whereupon the following resolution was accepted and adopted, viz :

Resolved, That, in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly, this Synod, regretting that the Greek Testament has fallen into disuse, in any degree, in our Seminaries of classical learning, would urge upon all in our connection who have control of the education of youth, and especially upon the Faculty of our own beloved University of Oglethorpe, the usefulness in an educational point of view, and the great importance in a higher point of view, of the regular and thorough study of the New Testament in the original Greek.

The same committee also presented a report on the subject of Church extension, as recommended by the General Assembly, which, after being read, was laid on the table.

Rev. S. B. Lewers being present, offered reasons for not coming sooner, which were sustained.

Wm. Dearing, Dr. Carothers, Rev. J. B. Ross, and J. B. McCreight, obtained leave of absence after the sessions of to-day.

The order of the day was then taken up, (viz.) Overture No. 4.

After some discussion the subject was referred to those members of the select committee of last year who were present, (viz:) Dr. Smyth, Mr. Gildersleeve, Mr. Dearing, Mr. Snowden, Mr. Thornwell, B. M. Palmer, Jr., E. Palmer, Mr. Donelly, and Mr. Douglas; and to them were added Chancellor Johnson and Gen. Whitner, with instructions to report on Monday morning.

Synod then had a recess to meet this evening at seven o'clock for devotional exercises.

Sixth Session.

Seven o'clock P. M.

Synod met, when the devotional exercises were conducted according to previous arrangement.

Adjourned to meet Monday morning at half past 9 o'clock.

Seventh Session.

Monday Morning, half past 9 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on the records of Flint River, presented their report which was accepted and adopted and the Book approved.

The Committee on the records of Georgia Presbytery, offered their report which was accepted and the Record approved, the Synod being assured that the meeting at Walthourville, was postponed in consequence of the impossibility of meeting at the proper time. The Synod justify the Presbytery in the case without sanctioning the principle that a Moderator has power to postpone the regular meetings of Presbytery without necessity.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented Overture No. 5, which was accepted.

Thos. B. Collins of Spartanburg C. H., South Carolina Presbytery being present took his seat as a member.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary presented their Report which was read and accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to the 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, for their liberal donation of books to the Library of the Seminary.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be also returned to the General Assembly for their donation of the books of the Board of Publication.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Synodical Committee of Education, presented their report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Education Committee beg leave to report the following resolutions for the adoption of the Synod.

1. *Resolved*, That the report be adopted and printed in the Appendix to our Minutes, and that the thanks of this Synod be given to the Committee for the zeal and energy with which they have managed the affairs of the Education cause, and to all the churches which have taken up contributions for this cause.

2. *Resolved*, That as there is yet much land to be possessed by the church, through the labors of evangelists, and nearly a hundred organized churches destitute of a stated ministry, that it is the solemn duty of every Christian to unite in unceasing and most earnest prayers to the Lord of the harvest that He, in his infinite mercy, may raise up, qualify, and send forth many laborers into the harvest; and that as he requires his people to prove his willingness to answer their requests by their hearty co-operation and willing liberality, it is also the imperative duty of all our churches to make collections for the support of those young men whom God may dispose to enter upon the work of the ministy and who are unable to bear their own expenses.

3. *Resolved*, That in order to give greater unity to the efforts of our churches on this subject, it be recommended to those churches which carry on this matter through independent efforts to make an annual report to the Education Committee of the amount of their funds and the mode in which they are appropriated.

4. *Resolved*, That the operations of the Education cause will be most advantageously carried on, even in the event of a division by a single Committee resident at Columbia, and that the Committee be therefore appointed.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted, viz:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions would report the following resolutions for the adoption of this Synod.

1. *Resolved*, That the report be adopted and printed in the appendix of our minutes.

2. *Resolved*, That in adopting this report this Synod would express its hearty concurrence in the views there presented of the inexcuseable neglect, by a large proportion of our churches, of the imperative duty of contributing to the work of evangelizing the heathen world and would earnestly press upon the attention of all our churches the important measures suggested in the concluding portion of the report.

Resolved, That in accordance with the suggestion of the Committee, the first Sabbath in January be set apart for special prayer to Almighty God for the outpouring of His Spirit upon our Churches that he may dispose the hearts of his people to greater interest and liberality in the cause of missions, and that every minister be requested to preach on the subject on that occasion, even though he should think it expedient to take up an annual collection on some other occasion.

Resolved, That the account of James Adger, Esq. Treasurer, be also approved and printed with the report—that the thanks of this Synod be given to Mr. Adger for his invaluable services—and that he be earnestly requested to continue to render those services.

Resolved, That the Rev. B. Gildersleeve, Rev. T. Smyth, together with Messrs. Dearing, H. Wilson, D. W. Harrison, William Adger, W. Harrall, and J. Caldwell, be appointed an Executive Commttee for the ensuing year, and Messrs. John Robinson and Wm. C. Dukes an Auditing Committee."

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod views with pleasure the publication of the volume on Theological Education by Rev. G. Howe, D. D., and the Synod recommend that work for general circulation among our Ministers, Theological Students and Churches, as calculated to diffuse information on this important subject and direct the attention of young men to the Gospel Ministry.

The Committee on the Records of South Carolina Presbytery presented their report, recommending that the book be approved, which was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of Charleston Presbytery reported that these Records had not been put into their hands; when the Committee was discharged

The Report of the Special Committee was presented and accepted, when a substitute was offered.

But before the question was taken Synod had a recess to meet at half past 3 o'clock this afternoon.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met.

Leave of abscene, after this evening, was granted to the Rev. Mr. Coit, Mr. Barnes, Major Hunter, and J. K. Douglas.

The following amendment to the Constitution proposed by the Board, was submitted to Synod, to be appended to the VIth Art. of IVth Sec. of the Constitution, (viz:)—"And provided also, that should the Synod of Georgia withdraw for the purpose above specified, the funds of Georgia, then, and in that case, it shall relinquish all right to and all control over the remaining funds of the Institution"—which was adopted by the constitutional majority.

The Resolution which was under discussion this morning was then taken up, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

Resolved, That no barrier exists to the division of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, and that the Synod now recognize the right to all the funds raised in Georgia, according to article 6th, sec. 4th, of the Constitution adopted in 1843, as amended by the preceding minute of this afternoon.

Synod then had a recess to meet at eight o'clock this evening.

NINTH SESSION.

Eight o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and in the absence of the Moderator and Clerk, Dr. Leland was called to the chair, and R. C. Ketchum appointed Clerk.

Synod then proceeded to the election of Directors in Theological Seminary when the following was the result, viz:

Ministers for three years—J. H. Thornwell, G. H. W. Petrie, J. S. Wilson, S. Donelly, T. R. English, N. Hoyt, D D.

Laymen for do.—Hon. J. Johnson, Wm. Shear, J. N. Whitner, and Dr. Glenn.

Leave of absence was granted to Col. Bedon, Mr. Dickey, Rev. A. G. Peden, Mr. McFadden, Mr. Thompson, Rev. R. B. Campbell, and Mr. Boozer.

The Overture, No. 3, on the subject of baptism was taken up, and, on motion,

Resolved, That the General Assembly of 1843, determined this matter according to the opinion of this Synod, and the members of Presbytery are referrad to the minutes of that body as an answer to the overture.

Overture, No. 4, on the division of Synod was considered, and passed; and the following memorial was directed to be sent to the General Assembly, to divide the body into two Synods, viz:

Resolved, That the Commissioners from the several Presbyteries comprising this Synod to the next General Assembly, be directed to request the Assembly to divide the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia into the Synod of South Carolina, and the Synod of Georgia. And that the geographical limits of the Synod of South Carolina be those of the State of South Carolina—and the geographical limits of the Synod of Georgia, be those of the State of Georgia, together with the Territory of Florida—so far as this may not interfere with the limits of the Synod of Alabama,

Resolved, also, That the General Assembly be requested to direct the Synod of South Carolina to meet in Pendleton on the 1st Thursday of November, 1845, and that the opening sermon be preached by the Rev. E. Palmer, as Moderator, and in case of his absence, the oldest Minister present. And the Synod of Georgia to meet in Macon, on the third Thursday of November, 1845, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and that the Rev. Thomas Goulding, D. D. be appointed to preach the opening sermon as Moderator, and in case of his absence, the oldest Minister present.

Resolved, further, That all the Records and Papers heretofore belonging to the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, be left in the hands of the Stated Clerk of the Synod of South Carolina, at all times open to the inspection and use of the Synod of Georgia.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at half past 9 o'clock.

Concluded with yrayer.

Tenth Session.

Tuesday Morning, half past 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, reported a Constitution for the Seminary, adapted to the pros-

pective division of the Synod, which was first read, and then left open for amendments to be proposed; and at last was adopted, as a whole, to become the Constitution of the Seminary after the division.

Synod had a recess to meet at half past 3 o'clock this afternoon.

ELEVENTH SESSION.

Half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met. On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the citizens of Columbia for their hospitality, and the Session of this Church is requested to communicate the same to them in the way they think most expedient.

A publishing Committee consisting of Mr. Gildersleeve and Dr. Smyth, was appointed, with instructions to have 500 copies of the Minutes published and circulated as usual.

Resolved, That the next meeting of this Synod be held in Macon on the 3d Thursday of Nov. 1845, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The persons nominated on Saturday as Trustees of Oglethorpe University, (viz) Rev. R. Hooker, Rev. J. S. Wilson, F. Bowman, D. C. Campbell, G. T. Snowden, and T. Fort, W. Shear, M. G. Harris, were duly elected.

The Committee reported the amendments necessary to the Constitution of Oglethorpe University, which were duly considered and adopted.

The Committee on the Records of Cherokee Presbytery presented their report, recommending that the Book be approved.

Synod then had a recess to meet this evening at half past 7 o'clock.

TWELFTH SESSION.

Half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Wilson be requested to present a copy of his sermon, delivered at the opening of the Synod, for publication in the Charleston Observer.

The following resolutions were introduced and supported by animated addresses from the Rev. Dr. Thomas Smyth.

and the Rev. D. McNeil Turner on the subject of religious education with a particular reference to Oglethorpe University, (viz:)

Resolved, That in separating from each other, we would cordially express our sincere approbation of the principles upon which Oglethorpe University is established, and our solemn and deliberate conviction that it is the duty, and for the interests of the Church, to complete the endowment of a Southern University under the management of the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, and of any other Southern Synod which may be induced to co-operate in the prosecution of this great enterprise. In this way can we secure for the Church a collegiate institution which shall be under an efficient religious control, and where our children may receive that true education which not only developes the faculties and informs the mind, but also forms the character upon the principles of revealed truth, and fits it for the discharge of our duties to God as well as to our fellow men.

Resolved, That the University of Oglethorpe is as much the child of this Synod as the Theological Seminary, and is to be equally cared for and nourished, the one being the complement of the other, and both necessary to enable the Church to carry her sons through all the stages of a collegiate and theological education.

Resolved, That as the Synod of Georgia will now have a vested right to a large fund raised in Georgia for the endowment of the Theological Seminary, the Synod of South Carolina is bound, not only by a regard to their own interests, but also by the claims of reciprocated generosity, to raise funds sufficient to endow at least one Professorship in the University of Oglethorpe, as soon as it is practicable.

And in order to meet all possible difficulty in the way of such endowment, be it further

Resolved, That after the division of the present Synod, should the Synod of Georgia ever establish a Theological Seminary in Georgia, and withdraw for its support the funds raised in Georgia, and now appropriated to the Theological Seminary in Columbia, then, and in that case, the Synod of South Carolina be entitled to the right to withdraw from the University of Oglethorpe the funds already raised, or to be raised, in South Carolina, and contributed to the permanent funds of said University, and to apply them to the endowment of the Theological Seminary, now under the care of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia. Provided, also, that in case said University shall ever cease to sustain its character as now based upon, and for carrying out the doctrines and order of the Presbyterian Church, such funds

may in that event be subject to the above power on the part of the Synod of South Carolina, to withdraw them and appropriate them to said Seminary; and the Board of Directors of the Oglethorpe University be directed to adopt this as one of the bye-laws of that Board, and to keep an accurate account of such funds.

Resolved, further, That the Board of Trustees of the University of Oglethorpe be invited to employ at once such an agency as may lead to the speedy accomplishment of this object, and that it is the opinion of this Synod that should all our churches become responsible for their quota of the sum of $25,000, or the annual interest of said quota, the endowment of a Carolina Professorship with that amount in said University may be speedily and easily secured.

Resolved, finally, That this Synod will ever cherish the most kind and endearing feelings towards our brethren in Georgia, and that it is our earnest prayer to Him whose servants we are, and in whose cause we have been permitted unitedly to labour, that he may perpetuate the bonds by which we shall still be held together, and enable us to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, and provoke one another only to love, and charity, and mutual esteem, and to zeal and energy in every good work.

It was, on motion, *Resolved*, That this Synod are gratified by the presence among them once more of our venerable father Dr. McWhir, and that our thanks be returned to him for the efforts he has made for many years to promote the spiritual interests of the people of Florida, and to gather Churches of Christ in the destitute settlements of that part of our land, and that the ministers and members of our churches be requested to aid him according to their ability, in his present benevolent enterprise in favor of the Church of Jacksonville.

An affectionate parting address from the Rev. N. A. Pratt, and a few remarks from the venerable Dr. McWhir, were then given—After which,

Synod adjourned to meet in the city of Macon, Ga., on the 3d Thursday in November, 1845, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with singing, prayer and the Benediction.

EDWARD PALMER, *Moderator*.

B. GILDERSLEEVE, *Stated Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

OFFICERS.

WILLIAM DEARING, Esq. President.
REV. CHARLES C. JONES, Vice-President.
REV. B. GILDERSLEEVE, Secretary.
WILLIAM LAW, (Columbia,) Treasurer.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Directors for Three Years.

MINISTERS.—J. H. Thornwell, G. H. W. Petrie, J. S. Wilson, S. Donnelly, T. R. English, N. Hoyt, D. D.

LAYMEN.—Job Johnson of Newbury, S. C.; Wm. Shear, Augusta, Ga.; Gen. J. N. Whitner, of Anderson, S. C.; and Dr. Glenn.

For Two Years.

MINISTERS.—B. Gildersleeve, A. Church, D. D., D. M'Neil Turner, T. Smyth, Edward Palmer, and B. M. Palmer, Jr.

LAYMEN.—William Dearing, E. A. Nisbet, B. King, and Dr. T. Wells.

For One Year.

MINISTERS.—C. C. Jones, D. Humphreys, I. S. K. Axson, S. K. Talmage, J. Douglass, and John Jones.

LAYMEN.—G. T. Snowden, of Columbia; Hugh Wilson, of Wadmalaw; W. L. Mitchell, of Athens; and D. C. Campbell, of Macon.

FACULTY.

Rev. G. HOWE, D. D., Professor of Biblical Literature.

Rev. A. W. LELAND, D. D., Professor of Christian Theology.

———— ————, Professor of Church History and Polity.

COLUMBIA, (S. C.,) Dec. 12, 1844,
4 o'clock, P. M.

Six members of the Board met; but not being a quorum, they adjourned to meet to-night, immediately after the adjournment of Synod.

The Board met, according to adjournment.

Present—W. Dearing, President; C. C. Jones, Vice President; B. Gildersleeve, Secretary; S. K. Talmage, E. Palmer, B. M. Palmer, Jr., S. Donnelly, G. T. Snowden, N. Hoyt, D. D., J. Douglas, J. S. Wilson, Gen. Whitner, J. Johnson, T. R. English, D. McNeil Turner, J. Jones, William Shear, D. Humphreys.

After the reading of the minutes the following Committees were appointed, viz:

On Audits.—G. T. Snowden, Rev. J. Douglas, Rev. J. S. Wilson.

Ways and Means—Rev. C. C. Jones, G. T. Snowden, W. Dearing, Gen. Whitner, Wm. Shear, Chancellor Johnson.

Laws and Regulations.—J. N. Whitner, B. M. Palmer, Jr., S. Donnelly.

On Buildings.—Mr. Snowden, E. Palmer, B. Gildersleeve.

On Library.—Rev. Dr. Smyth, Rev. Mr. Thornwell, I. S. K. Axson, Dr. Hoyt, and Mr. Talmage.

The Professors' Report was received, read, and referred to the Committee of Laws and Regulations.

The Board had a recess to meet at the call of the President.

Friday, 1 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met at the call of the President. Present as above.

The Treasurer's Report, the reports of Mr. Snowden, of Col. D. C. Campbell, and of Mr. J. McDowell, were received, and referred to the Committee of Audits.

The Board then had a recess, to meet this evening at 7 o'clock, at the Library of the Seminary.

Theological Seminary, 7 o'clock.

The Board met. The minutes were read.

A letter was read from William Law, Esq. Executor of the estate of the late Joseph Ellison, informing them that by the last will and testament of Mr. Ellison, a bequest of $500 was made, to be invested in permanent stock, the interest to be only used for the aid of poor pious students—and offering to transfer certain stock belonging to said Estate at the

appraised value. This proposition was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Col. Campbell in relation to the Bonds and Mortgages of Gignilliat & Hall, &c.

The Librarian's Report was presented, and referred to the Committee on the Library.

The Minutes of the Faculty were referred for examination to the Committee of Laws and Regulations.

The Treasurer's, and other Reports, were referred to the Committee of Audits.

The thanks of the Board were returned to Col. Lumpkin and Mr. Mitchell, Attorneys, for collecting, without charge, accounts put in their hands.

The Executive Committee reported that they had sold the remaining half of the lot to the east of the Seminary for $1500, of which $500 was paid in cash, and the same has been used in liquidating the interest on Mrs. Hall's Bond—and that the remaining $1000 are in bonds payable on the 1st of January next.

The Committee on the Library offered their report, which was accepted, recommending,

1st, That it be adopted, and printed in connection with our Minutes.

2dly, That an appropriation of $9 25, be made for the payment of a bill in the Librarian's Report.

3dly, That the Librarian be authorized to have any necessary binding done for the preservation of the Library.

The Report was adopted.

The Standing Building Committee presented their report which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Buildings.

Mr. William Law having tendered his resignation as Treasurer of the Board, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait upon him, and to tender him their unanimous and cordial thanks for the faithful manner in which he has discharged his trust, and to urge him to continue the office which he has heretofore filled to their entire satisfaction. This committee consist of Dr. Hoyt, Gen. Whitner, and C. C. Jones.

Resolved, That the Building Committee be requested to have the row of trees planted around the Seminary square completed during the present winter.

Resolved, That the Committee on Laws and Regulations be instructed to investigate the evidences of title for the lot and building of the Seminary, and whether any thing further be necessary to be done to perfect the title deeds, and secure their future safe keeping.

The following individuals were appointed a committee to attend the examination of the Students :—Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Turner, Mr. Snowden, Dr. Smyth, and Dr. Glenn ; and the Executive Committee were authorized to fill vacancies in cases of failure.

The Board had a recess, to meet at the call of the President.

Saturday Evening—7 o'clock.

The Board met, at the call of the President.

The Committee of Ways and Means presented their report, which was accepted, amended and adopted.

The committee appointed to wait upon Mr. Law, and request him to withdraw his letter of resignation, reported that Mr. Law had acceded to the urgent and unanimous request of the Board.

The Board, on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, and upon full inquiry, accepted of the proposition from the Executor of Joseph Ellison's Estate to take Broad River Bridge stock at its appraized value, viz. $35 a share, in lieu of his bequest.

The President asked and obtained leave of absence after this evening.

A Report of the Board to Synod was presented, and ordered to be laid before Synod.

The Committee on Laws and Regulations to which the journal of the Faculty was referred, reported that they had examined the same, and find nothing requiring the special action of the Board. Some of the entries were not attested by the official signature of the Recording officer, and an occasional blank leaf seemed to indicate that space may have been left for other entries that do not appear. The Committee, however recommend their approval to the last entry made.

Their Report was adopted.

The Board had a recess to meet at the call of the Vice President.

The Board met at the call of the Vice-President.

Present.—C. C. Jones, B. Gildersleeve, Dr. Smyth, Mr. Douglas, E. Palmer, Dr. Hoyt, D. Humphreys, J. S. Wilson.

The Board recommended the following addition to the VIth Article of the IVth Section of the Constitution, viz : "And provided also that should the Synod of Georgia withdraw for the purpose above specified the funds of Georgia, then, and in that case, it shall relinquish all right to and all control over the remaining funds of the Institution."

The Board then had a recess to meet at the call of the Vice President.

Seminary—Monday Evening, 8 o'clock.

The Board met at the call of the Vice-President.

Present.—B. Gildersleeve, J. Johnson, G. T. Snowden, Dr. Hoyt, J. S. Wilson, Wm. Shear, S. K. Talmage, C. C. Jones, I. S. K. Axson, D. Humphreys, and John Jones.

Resolved, That the old Records of the Institution, including original subscription papers, letters, manuscript reports, &c., be collected and committed to the care of Mr. Snowden for safe keeping—and a list of the same to be made.

The revised Constitution of the Seminary was adopted, and it was agreed that it should be reported to the Synod.

The thanks of the Board were tendered to James McDowell, Esq., and Col. D. C. Campbell, for their faithful and judicious services as their Investing Agents.

Seminary—Tuesday Evening, 6½ o'clock.

The Board met.

Present.—B. Gildersleeve, C. C. Jones, J. Jones, D. Humphreys, Mr. Turner, Mr. Snowden, Mr. Shear, Mr. Donnelly, E. Palmer, B. M. Palmer, Jr., J. S. Wilson, Mr. Talmage.

An appropriation of $5000 to meet the current expenses of the year was made.

Ordered that the balance of the unexpended interest, if paid, be appropriated towards the extinguishment of Mrs. Hall's debt.

The Standing Building Committee was re-appointed.

The Executive Committee was also reappointed.

Rev. Dr. Smyth was appointed a committee to procure a portmanteau for the Secretary.

The Board then adjourned to meet at Columbia, on Thursday evening, before the meeting of the Synod of South Carolina.

Concluded with prayer.

C. C. JONES, *Vice-President.*

B. GILDERSLEEVE, *Secretary.*

REPORT

Of the Board of Directors of the Thelogical Seminary, to the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

By the Constitution of the Seminary, it is made the duty of the Board to present to Synod, an annual written report of their proceedings. And yet it has always been difficult to do it in a manner satisfactory to themselves, for the want of time to collect, arrange, and digest the various important matters which the Synod has committed to their management. The Board would, therefore, crave the indulgence of the Synod, in submitting for their information the following statements :

1. *In relation to the Funds.*

These are entrusted to the Treasurer, Wm. Law, Esq., and to three Investing Committees, (viz :) G, T. Snowden, Esq. of Columbia, Jas. McDowell, Esq. of Augusta, and D. C. Campbell, Esq. of Macon, Geo. ; and from their reports, all accredited, and with vouchers complete, the Committee of Ways and Means have furnished the Board the following summary and estimates :

" That by the Treasurer's Report he has received and disbursed on the general account $4,478 03, leaving a balance due the Professors $395 76 on 1st Oct. 1844, which will be more than met by funds which have come into the hands of the Treasurer since the meeting of Synod, amounting to 641 10—received from Mr. McDowell, Investing Agent in Augusta, Ga.

Agreeable to the direction of the Board, the Executive Committee sold the remaining half acre lot with the buildings thereon, for $1,500, $500 of which went to the payment of the interest due on Mrs. Hall's bond, and the remaining $1000 falls due about the 1st January, 1842, and which will be applied to the further extinguishment of that debt, and will reduce it to about $6,000.

The Permanent Funds are as follows :

In South Carolina, per Mr. Snowden's account, estimated at par value (including the investment of $2,000, Mrs. La Roche's bequest, the bond for which is in the hands of the Secretary,)	$26,920 12
In Georgia, per Mr. Campbell's report,	18,090 03
Per Mr. Dowell's do.	13,187 40

This amount of $58,497 55, is the Permanent Fund of the Seminary, upon the Interest of which we must rely for the current expenses of the Institution.

Of this amount, $55,747 55 are on interest—		
$26,920 12, invested in South Carolina, estimated for the coming year, at 6 per cent.		$1,615 20
$28,827 43 invested in Georgia, do. do. at 8 per cent.		2,306 91
		$3,921 39

We have $2,760 00 in Ga. R. S. & B. Company stock, the interest of which was at one time paid in stock, and yields nothing at present for the current expences of the Institution.

Professor's salaries,	$2,000 each, $4,000 00	
Estimated expenses for repairing buildings.		
Insurance on buildings, &c.,	300 00	
Interest en Mrs. Hall's bond,	450 00	—4,750 00
To meet this deficit, there is due interest on Bonds in Georgia, for years past, yet unpaid, about	$1000 00	
And amount received from Mr. McDowell, over the payment of Professors' salaries, as above reported, now in treasury,	245 34	—1,245 34

For the support of indigent Students the following Scholarships may be relied on, which have been reported from year to year.

The Scholarship of the Congregational and Presbyterian Female Education Society, $, Interest for 1845, $

2. Nephew Scholarship, $, do. do. $

3. Lanneau Scholarship, $, do. do. $

4. The Telfair Timothy do. not yet come into the hands of the Board. From this statement of the Scholarships, it will be seen that we shall have $, for the support of indigent students for the year 1845.

5. To this fund is now to be added the legacy of Mr. Joseph Ellison, of $500, which is to be invested, and the interest applied annually to the support of indigent students, agreeably to the will of Mr. Ellison; and should the money be paid, and the investment made, will be available for the year 1845.

The Committee would recommend the Board to accede to the proposal of Mrs. Ellison to meet this legacy of $500,

by a transfer of Broad River Bridge Stock to that amount to the Board, and the interest to commence from January, 1845.

They would also recommend that the notes from different individuals put into their hands, amounting to $460, be collected, if possible. One note, that of , appears to have been paid—the other notes appear to be good."

The Board have accepted of the proposed offer of the Executor of Mr. Ellison, and the amount of $500 available stocks is added to the funds of the Institution.

2. *Real Estate.*

The Executive Committee have sold, during the year, the remaining half of the lot east of the Seminary buildings, as was stated in the Report of the Committee of Ways and Means for $1500. The whole of that lot originally cost the Institution $1,000—and the amount of the sales is $2,500—indicating a gain of $1500 on the original cost. But this gain has been somewhat diminished by the cost of repairs and losses on rent.

The original estimated value of the Seminary lot and buildings was $14,000. It was bought at that price of Mrs. Hall, through the agency of the late Col. Abraham Blanding, who was an efficient friend of the Institution. In one of the former reports of the Board, (viz. 1833,) it is stated in substance that the lot and buildings had been secured for the Seminary through the agency of Col. B., and delivered to the Synod free of encumbrance. But the Board was then labouring under a mistaken view of the subject. The pledge of Col. B. consisted in his becoming personally liable for the property to Mrs. Hall, and in his active efforts and personal and liberal donations—leaving a debt, and the only debt which the Institution owes, of $7,000, one thousand of which is provided for, as stated in the report of the Committee of Ways and Means. The value of the property has not decreased since it came into our possession.

3. *The Library.*

The Librarian reports having received:—

From the Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston, as their annual donation:—The Fathers of the English Church, 8 vols. 8vo.; Works of Bishop Hurd, 8 vols. 8vo.; Bradford's Scripture Chronology, 1 vol. folio; Caves' Lives of the Apostles, 2 vols. 8vo.; Justamond's History of the Indies, 4 vols. 8vo.; Baillie's Letters and Journals, 2 vols. 8vo.; The Biblical Cabinet—No. XLI. XLII. Life and Times of Justin

Martyn, by Semisch; No. XLIII. XLIV. Rohr's Historical Account of Palestine; No. XXVI. Wemys' Clavis Symbolica; No. XXXI. Goss on the Revelation of God; No. IX. Philological Tracts, 7 vols. 16mo.; Chalmers on the Epistle to the Romans, 1 vol. 8vo.; The Christian Library, edited by John Wesley, containing select works of John Fox, Clark, Bishop Hall, Robert Bolton, B. D., Richard Sibs, D. D., Thomas Goodwin, D. D., William Dell, Thomas Manton, Isaac Ambrose, J. Taylor, D. D., Ralph Cudworth, N. Culverwell, J Smith, Venn, Dr Sanderson, Blaise Pascal, Dr. Worthington, J. Alleine, Shaw, Seth Ward, Bishop Kenn, Dr. Horneck, Hugh Binning, Chief Justice Hale, Mr. Cowley, Dr. Goodman, Robt. Leighton, Isaac Barrow, Richard Baxter, Fenelon, B. Lawrence, M. Henricks, Molino, Dr. H. Moore, Charnock, Calamy, Lucas, Reynolds, Dr. South, Flavel, Dr. Annersley, Scougal, Archbishop Tillotson, E. Young, Lord Howe, D'Auville, Bishop Beveridge, 44 vols. 12mo.; Hume's Essays, 2 vols. 12mo.

From Rev. Dr. Smyth:—The Works of Jonathan Edwards, 4 vols. 8vo.; The Cambridge Concordance, 1 vol. folio; Riddle's Christian Antiquities, 1 vol. 8vo.

Presented by A. Campbell, Esq., Walterboro':—Ross' Pansebeia, or a View of all Religions in the World, 1 vol. 12mo.

Presented by Rev. Dr. Howe:—Porter's Lectures on Style, 8 copies, 8 vols. 8vo.; Wince's Idioms of the New Testament, 5 copies, 5 vols. 8vo.; Hetherington's History of the Church of Scotland, 1 vol. 8vo.

Presented by the Board of Publication, in pursuance of a resolution of the last General Assembly, a complete set of the publications of said Board, being in all 152 volumes.

From Rev. J. J. Dubose:—The 6th Census of the United States, 1 vol. folio; Compendium of the 6th Census, 1 vol. folio; Pensioners of 6th Census, 1 vol. 4to.

From Mr. Purse, of Savannah:—Sententiæ Ali Eben Abi Thalebi Arabica et Latine, 1 vol. 4to.

Purchased:—Miller's Letters on the Constitution of the Christian Ministry, 6 vols. 12mo.

It will thus be seen that the additions to the Library, for the last year, amount to 262 volumes, which being added to the number reported at the last meeting of the Board make the whole number of volumes belonging to the Library 4,371.

The books remain in the same condition as at the last report, except the injury they have undergone by necessary use. Many of the volumes require repair, or to be newly bound,—and though the Library is respectable for size, when compared with those of other institutions in this country, and

valuable to the Student of Theology, it yet lacks works, which might profitably be added to it, and must be, whenever the funds of the Institution will warrant the expense.

The Board has been served by Mr. Chas. A. Stillman in the capacity of Assistant Librarian, until he left the Seminary, and by Mr. John W. Quarterman since the commencement of the present term.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE HOWE.

The committee to whom was committed the Librarian's Report recommended that it be adopted and printed with our report—that the sum of $9 25 be appropriated, to pay for six copies of Dr. Miller on the Ministry, and two copies of Porter's Lectures, procured for the use of the Students—that the Librarian be authorized to have any binding done which is necessary to preserve the Library in perfect order.

They further recommended that the amount of $61 91, being the amount paid by Dr. Howe for repairs and books purchased for the Library, be regarded, according to his desire, as so much paid towards an old subscription made by him to the Seminary, though not, it is believed, included among its assets.

They recommended, also, that the Librarian prepare and publish in the Charleston Observer a list of those works which are still deemed so essential to the Library, with a request that any members of our churches may, in money or books, enable the Board to supply them.

This report was adopted.

The Librarian's report was accepted and approved, and the thanks of the Synod are due to the 2d Presbyterian Church and to the General Assembly, and others, for their valuable donations. The Librarian has been authorized to have such binding done as is necessary for the preservation of the books; and it has been gratifying to the Board to see the Library not only increasing annually in value, but kept in such excellent order.

4. *Professors' Report.*

The Professors beg leave to report that there have been 25 Students connected with the Theological Seminary during the past year.

In the Senior Class.

Edward Anderson, graduate of Franklin College.
James R. Baird, graduate of Davidson College.
William Curtis, Pastor of the Baptist Church, Columbia

William D. Flinn, graduate of Davidson College.
Joseph Gibert, graduate of Franklin College.
Homer Hendee, graduate of Oglethorpe University.
Ezekiel F. Hyde, graduate of Union College.
William Moore, graduate of Davidson College.
William Smith, graduate of Union College.
Charles B. Stewart, Candidate of Presbytery of South Carolina.
Charles A. Stillman, graduate of Oglethorpe University.

In the Middle Class.

George W. Boggs, Candidate of Presbytery of South Carolina.
Savage Smith Gaillard, Candidate of Presbytery of South Carolina.
J. B. Hillhouse, Candidate of Presbytery of South Carolina.
James R. McCarter, graduate of Franklin College.
Robert H. Lafferty, graduate of Washington College.
John McLees, Candidate of Presbytery of South Carolina.
Henry Newton, graduate of Franklin College.
John Winn Quarterman, graduate of Franklin College.
Joseph J. Flemming, graduate of Charleston College.

In the Junior Class.

Patrick C. Calhoun, graduate of South Carolina College.
Joseph J. Furse, Licentiate of the Baptist Church.
William T. Savage, graduate of Davidson College.
William W. Wilson, candidate of Harmony Presbytery.
Thomas Sumner Winn, graduate of Franklin College.

The whole number was diminished somewhat by the fact that the connection of Mr. Curtis became nominal after November in 1843, that Mr. Moore did not continue his studies through the year, and that Mr. Calhoun was soon obliged to relinquish study in consequence of the failure of his health. The last named gentleman, as well as Mr. Furse and Mr. Curtis are in connection with the Baptist Church.

The Senior Class left the Seminary in July, having completed their Studies, and are now preaching the gospel.—One of them Mr. Moore, had received license before. One was licensed by the Charleston Union Presbytery. One was already a minister in the Baptist Church, and eight were licensed at the Spring sessions of the several Presbyteries to which they belong.

The following Students have become connected with the Seminary since October:—

Mr. William L. Hughes, of Charleston.
Mr. William E. Scriven, graduate of Franklin College.
Mr. William H. Thompson, of Amherst College, Mass.
Mr. Joseph K. Wight, graduate of Williams' College.

Our hopes of a large class this year are faint, we have even now received more than we anticipated; for a few weeks since we knew scarcely of a single student seeking the ministry, in a proper stage of study to enter the Theological Seminary. Yet the manner in which God has heretofore interfered in sending us students when we expected none, and in removing various impediments to the progress and prosperity of the institution, has encouraged us in the darkest hour, and still encourages us to hope and to persevere.

The Nephew Scholarship has had no incumbent the past year, nor have the proceeds of it as yet been paid into the Treasury of the Seminary.

The exercises of the Seminary have been essentially the same as we have before reported. In the department of Church History we have attempted something more than has been attempted since the chair of Ecclesiastical History was vacated by its last occupant, and much more might be done in this important branch of knowledge, as well as in other branches, if we were not so much occupied in our own appropriate departments as to allow us little time comparatively for any other. The Wednesday evening conference has been punctually attended to through most of the year, and we have gone over most of the topics belonging to Pastoral Theology in this exercise. Thursday evenings have been devoted to Debates and the delivery of Sermons—an extemporaneous debate being the exercise for one Evening, and two Sermons, (one written, the other unwritten,) being delivered on the Tuesday Evening of the following week. The exercises of declamation in the Junior and Middle Classes have been connected with the Evening Prayers, one Student declaiming each day at the close of the daily devotional exercises.

The students appear to have been diligently engaged in their studies through the year, and if the harmony of the Seminary has been disturbed more than usual, we hope the grace of God has enabled those who were subjected to trial and temptation to profit thereby, and has prepared them the better to contend with those difficulties which accompany the ministers of Christ through life.

The usual examination and anniversary exercises were attended in July by Committees of the Bethel, Harmony, and Charleston Presbyteries.

Since the commencement of the Seminary in 1831, ninety-five students have in whole, or in part, received their Theological education within it. Of these, seven are now no more, five belonged to other denominations, seven became separated from us in the division of the Church, and two others have since been licensed by a Presbytery not in connection with the Synod, twenty-two are labouring in other Synods, and forty-nine are at present connected with the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, three of whom are Missionaries in Foreign lands.

Our Seminary then, has not been without its fruits. If it has not answered all the expectations of its founders, it is partly because they perceived not all the difficulties with which their enterprise would meet because they over estimated the ability of the church to furnish students, or anticipated a more rapid extension of the church and greater union among its members than in the providence of God has as yet occurred. At the time of the earliest efforts to establish the institution the Synod covered our whole country from the Southern border of North Carolina on the one side, to the Eastern border of Mississippi on the other, and it was believed (to use the language of the address of the Board of Directors now lying before us, written probably in the year 1825 or 6,) "that by the confluence of the benevolent feelings of three States over which that body extends, more likely to succeed." One of these States, Alabama, has hitherto been lost to this enterprise We hope the same result will be guarded against in the further division of the Synod, and that the churches of Alabama may yet be brought to look more favourably upon us and send us their sons to be educated for the ministry. We sincerely hope the institution may be perpetuated, and if not in our day, in some future period be increased in its numbers and its ability to promote the spread of the Gospel and the welfare of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. HOWE,
A. W. LELAND.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Board to the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

REPORT

Of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions, presented to the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, at their sessions in Columbia in December, 1844.

In accordance with the duty assigned to them, your Committee would present a report of the Missionary efforts of our churches during the past year. This will be substantially exhibited in the Treasurer's Account, which is herewith submitted. From this account, (which has been kept open to the very latest hour, that no church might appear unreported,) it appears that the following churches have forwarded contributions.

1. *Collections taken up at the Monthly Concert for Prayer and Contribution.*

GEORGIA.

Athens church,	$97 55
Augusta church,	139 30
Savannah church,	115 45
Columbus church,	78 50
Greensboro' church,	78 00
Harris Neck church,	100 24
Rosswell church, (including last year's collection,	83 44
St. Mary's church,	85 00
Lagrange church,	5 00
Waynesboro' church,	20 00

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Second Presbyterian church,	$450 15
Columbia church,	170 00
Willington church,	30 00
Bethany church,	81 15
Darlington church,	55 72
Bethesda church,	10 00

2. *From other Collections.*

GEORGIA.

Athens church,	$169 25
McDonough church,	1 00
Alcovia church,	1 25
Salem church,	10 00
Newnan church,	18 00
Bethany church,	10 00
Union School Juvenile Missionary Society,	10 00
Lexington church,	10 00
Hopewell church,	5 00
Augusta church,	323 59
Washington church,	21 21
Darien church,	30 00
Darien Sunday School,	4 05
Linton Grove,	20 00
Sandy Creek, and a Friend,	10 00

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Beech Island church,	$10 75
Good Hope church,	10 75
Hopewell church,	31 75
Willington church,	12 00
Yorkville, (Capt. Blair,)	50 00
Concord church,	20 00
2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston,	142 20
Walterboro',	15 00
Darlington church,	34 62
Cane Creek church,	6 63
Jackson's Creek church,	45 58
Beaver Creek church,	50 83
Mount Olivet church,	24 75
Harmony church,	17 00
Brewington church.	1 00
Fairview,	5 00
Lebanon,	25 00
Friendship,	1 20
Rocky Creek,	13 25
Rocky River,	32 00
Providence,	22 87
Anderson church,	5 00
Greenville church,	3 66
Columbia, (Ladies' Society,)	38 00
Bethel Benevolent Society.	15 00

Such, then, are the facts in the case. A greater number of churches are reported to have observed the Monthly Con-

cert, and to have made collections.* This may be owing, in part, to the fact, that many churches have been individually reported, which, in former years, were not distinctly enumerated. And we are led to the conclusion also by the fact, that while the number of churches contributing have increased, the amount received altogether, both from churches and individuals has decreased. The following statement will exhibit the returns made for the whole period of our Synodical operations.

In the year 1834,	$5,215 36
In the year 1835,	4,317 31
In the year 1836,	7,765 44
In the year 1837,	9,315 14
In the year 1838,	8,391 45
In the year 1839,	10,805 92
In the year 1840,	3,328 90
In the year 1841,	2,256 20
In the year 1842,	2,401 05
In the year 1843,	3,186 21
In the year 1844,	2,797 43

* The following sums, in addition to what is here specified, and inserted by our Treasurer in his Account, were forwarded direct to the Treasurer of the Assembly's Board in New York, viz :

Amounts received directly from Churches in the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery of Bethel :		
1844, March, Ebenezer and Unity churches,	$50 00	
" May, Ebenezer church,	2 00	$52 00
Presbytery of Harmony :		
1844, April, Presbyterian church not named,	130 12	
" June, Beaver Creek church,	1 00	131 12
Presbytery of Georgia :		
1844, Jan'ry, Midway Church, J. Winn,		25 00
Presbytery of Hopewell :		
1844, Jan'ry, Lexington church,	10 00	
" " Milledgeville church,	73 90	
" Feb'ry, Augusta church, individual,	10 00	
" July, Milledgeville church,	2 00	
" Sept Augusta church, individual,	10 00	
" " Macon church, individual.	10 00	115 90
Presbytery of Flint River :		
1844, Nov. Lebanon, individual,		10 00
Presbytery of Florida :		
1843, Dec. Tallahassee church,	26 00	
1844, Jan'ry, Do. do.	12 40	
" March, Iamonia church,	25 00	
" " Tallahassee church,	20 60	
" " Iamonia church,	10 50	
" July, St. Augustine church,	38 06	132 56
Total from Nov 1, 1843, to Dec. 1, 1844.		$460 58

A stranger to our Church and Synod might well ask—"Whence this change? Has the number of the members of the Presbyterian Church been diminishing by any rapid tide of emigration, that there should be found an annual lowering of the stream of Christian benevolence?" And to this question we must answer in the negative. "While other churches," it may be again asked, "have been enlarging their borders and swelling their ranks, has the Presbyterian church alone been declining?" And to this question we must reply, that according to the reports of our churches there has been a steady annual increase in the total number of our church members "Has a large proportion then of the members of the Presbyterian Church within our bounds ceased to believe in the christian duty and obligation to send the Gospel to every creature, and have they come to the conclusion that the command "go preach my Gospel to every creature," is countermanded, and that we are now required to remain at home, and be satisfied with preaching the Gospel to our own immediate neighbors?" And to this inquiry what answer shall be given. We can in reply point to the unanimous testimonies given to the unspeakable importance and absolute necessity of this great business of the Church, by our General Assembly at every recurring period of its annual convocation; and by our several Presbyteries at their various meetings. We can point to the fact that no voice has been raised in all our borders against the plain and obvious interpretation of the divine requirements which make it imperative on every Christian to consecrate his body, soul, and spirit, his time, influence, and property, to the glory of Christ, and to the furtherance and increase of his kingdom. We can thus allege that on this subject there is unanimity and hearty concurrence of opinion among all our Ministers and all our people. And we can further declare that whereas it has been ignorantly or maliciously affirmed that neither the doctrines nor the polity of the Presbyterian Church are adapted to promote the Missionary spirit and to further the Missionary cause,—that on the contrary it has been often and conclusively demonstrated that in both these respects the Presbyterian Church stands pre-eminently distinguished above all others. Our doctrines we believe to be those upon which the Church of Christ is founded, and while they are thus the ground on which that faith rests, are also the pillar by which it can be best defended and proclaimed, while in our ecclesiastical arrangements we have an instrumentality which at once combines the greatest energy with the greatest unity for successfully carrying these doctrines to all the ends of the earth.

But it will be at once manifest that by all this reasoning we have only increased the difficulty to be met, and that when our inquirer proceeds to ask, "how such declarations are to be reconciled with reported and acknowledged facts, and how our theoretical belief can be harmonized with our practical indifference and declension"—what answer shall we make?

Brethren, what answer can be made? Fifty churches out of 185 have done something to manifest their sincere and heartfelt belief, that since "Christ died for all, then were all dead, and that they who have been restored to life through his mercy, should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him who died for them and rose again for their justification." And yet how little have these done! Have not many of them fallen behind their former contributions instead of increasing them with their increasing numbers and their multiplied blessings. And as it regards the remaining 135, what shall we say, and what answer shall we make?—Are they so poor that they cannot even present the widow's mite to the treasury of the Lord—and are they actually unable to do more than meet their own personal and necessary wants? This cannot be affirmed. Are they ignorant of the claims of Christ and his cause upon their co-operation and assistance? This cannot, surely, be maintained. Are they under no obligations to regard the reiterated entreaties of this Synod and their General Assembly, and of their several Presbyteries, to come up to the help of the Lord in this warfare against the progress of darkness? Neither can this be seriously imagined. And to what then, can we attribute this most wonderful apathy, which continues to paralyze the energies of so large a proportion of our churches? Oh brethren, is there not an awful lack of faith, and love, and charity, and zeal, and holy devotedness among us? Is there not ground for humiliation before God? and ought there not to be appointed some day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, when we might all come before the Lord, and prostrate ourselves at his footstool, in penitence and godly sorrow? For if we refuse to bring the required gifts into the treasury of the Lord; if we fail to consecrate to him the silver and the gold, which are the Lord's; if we thus "rob God," can we wonder that the windows of heaven are closed upon us—that the heavens above us are brass, and the earth around us iron—that every green and tender plant seem to grow up sickly and dying, and that we are forced, both as ministers and people, to cry out "Oh! our leanness, our leanness,"

Look to our brethren of the Free Church of Scotland, In the report made to the last Assembly, it is stated:

"While every part of our condition, as a Church calls for devout acknowledgments to the Giver of all good, the abundance of the supplies provided for such various objects is calculated to fill our minds with joy and wonder. The funds raised for building churches sustentation of ministers, aiding the people of Ross and Southerland, and the erection and endowment of schools, have amounted to more than £400,000, [nearly $2,000,000.] But, in addition to these, there has been contributed, in the department of the Board of Missions alone, no less a sum than £32,000, [about $155,000.] Nor is it the surprising amount of this sum alone, that consuitutes its value. It is the character of it, as an index of Christian people, that renders it so precious. The larger sums were called for by our immediate and pressing necessities. Our very existence, as well as the right ordering of our Church, required them; but the contributions to our different mission schemes must be traced up to the influence of that generous and divine principle which leads a man to "care not only for his own things but also for the things of others;" so that while he cultivates his own vineyard, and seeks to secure its utmost fruitfulness, he still remembers that the whole world is the field in which he is called to break up the fallow ground, and sow the good seed of the kingdom, that it may bring forth fruit unto everlasting life.

It is a cheering view of our Church, that it is so much characterized by this missionary spirit. We hear of other Churches, that they are occupied with questions of apostolic succession and endless genealogies of that nature,—we meddle not with such things, but we earnestly desire and pray, that the Spirit which animated the hearts of the apostles (who counted not their lives dear unto them, that they might testity the gospel of the grace of God) may be given to us in large measure, and that from whatever quarter the cry may proceed, "Come over and help us," our hearts may be moved, and our best capacities exerted, for sending to them the only, and the all sufficient remedy.

The number of congregations (it is added) who have contributed to all the Schemes of the Church amounts to 252. There have been some contributions got from 766, but we believe that this number is considerably beyond what may be considered the permanent stations in our Church. The number of congregations with stated pastors do not exceed 659; and out of these the number who have contributed to all the Schemes is 252. We will just go over the different Schemes, and state the number of collections which have

been received for each, throwing aside altogether the stations which have no stated pastors :—

	Collection.	No Collection.
For Education,	527	139
India Mission,	601	65
Home Mission,	518	148
Colonial Scheme,	534	132
Jewish Mission,	538	120
Ross and Sutherland,	410	256

And yet notwithstanding this Spirit and manifestation of diffused liberality, do we find these brethren laying any flattering unction to the hearts of their people. On the contrary, in the same report it is said :

" But the chief source or mainspring of our supply is to be found in our own parochial and congregational collections. It is with mingled emotions of high gratification and partial disappointment, that we refer to these. We feel that we cannot suitably acknowledge the riches of God's grace, who has put it into the hearts of our people to make such liberal contributions for the advancement of His cause in times of great trouble and discouragement. They have made noble exertions to secure to themselves the right administration of Divine ordinances, and at the same time have sought to spread the savour of the Redeemer's name throughout the earth. But while this is true of our people in general, yet it must be confessed, that in some quarters there are irregularities and deficiencies. It is not difficult to find reasons for these, without admitting any want of zeal and liberality. The demands upon our people for building churches, and for other necessaay objects, were manifold and pressing ; and, therefore, it becomes us to exercise great tenderness in judging of their conduct. But now, when the strong pressure has in great measure passed away, surely it is not too much to expect that the current of liberality in favour of missionary objects will flow steadily, and that ministers will not withhold from their people the opportunity of contributing to these objects according to their ability. That they are not able to bestow much, is no reason why they should be deprived of their privilege of giving, neither shall it hinder the acceptance of their gifts with him who judgeth " according to that which a man hath, and not according to what he hath not."

And in the same Spirit it was said before the Assembly by Mr, Dunlop :

" There is only one presbytery of the Church where all the congregation and stations have contributed for every one of these objects, and that is the Presbytery of Arbroath.—

Now, I believe that the great reason why so many congregations have not contributed is, that ministers have a sort of delicacy in asking their people to do so, knowing that they are so much oppressed with their own objects, and from an impression that, if they contributed to the missionary schemes, they would diminish the contributions for their own local purposes; that if they opened up channels through which contributions might flow for foreign objects, they would dry up the stream which supplied their own. Now, I do not know how the fact stands, but such is my confidence in the view I take of this matter, that I would venture to peril the propriety of the advice given by my reverend father, and which I desire to press on the ministers of the Church, I would venture to peril it on this, that the Presbytery of Arbroath has contributed as liberally, if not more so, to its local objects than any other presbytery of our Church. I have the most perfect confidence that the Presbytery of Arbroath will be found not to be behind any one Presbytery in this matter, and certainly not behind the Presbytery that has contributed least to the missionary schemes. Now, I wish you to view it in this light. It might be said that the people had enough to do with their own claims, but my answer is, *let them judge for themselves* By not offering the people an opportunity to contribute for these objects, you prevent many who would willingly throw their mite into the treasury, from an anxious desire to advance the kingdom of our Lord. The ministers are thus judging for those who ought to be permitted to judge for themselves, when they interfere, and say, "You shall not have an opportunity of contributing to these Schemes, lest you dry up the channel which provides for our own." Now, I would urge upon my reverend fathers and brethren that they are not entitled—they are not warranted to do so.—Their duty is to leave open the channels the Church has appointed to be provided for the people's liberality, in contributing to all the Schemes, and it will be found that these claims do not compete with each other, but that they rather mutually strengthen each other. I therefore hope, that the next report of my reverend father will be one in which he can state that every congregation in the Church has contributed something to every Scheme, were it only a farthing. I think that our people should be stirred up just to look back to the past year, and consider whether they are any poorer, after all that they have done. No doubt they have done great things. They have contributed most largely to the building of churches, to the Sustentation Fund, and to our missionary schemes,—altogether not less, perhaps, than twenty times more than they contributed the years before

But just let them look back and consider how much poorer they are, what sacrifices they have made, and whether they have lost anything at all! Let them consider if they could not continue this contribution year after year, without sacrificing anything worthy of being named; and if they could not do the same thing in ordinary circumstances which they have done in the extraordinary circumstances in which they have been placed. Only let them conceive what we could do towards the extension of the gospel of the blessed God to all the quarters of the earth—let them think of the blessings which they might be able to carry to the poor at their own door, and to the heathen abroad—and they would feel that they had purchased a toy which no earthly possession could give."

Nor is this spirit peculiar to the Free Church of Scotland. A similar spirit might be shown to exist to a great extent in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. And according to the statement of Professor Dunham, perhaps it may be said of the British Wesleyan connexion, what cannot be said of any other Church in the world, that more than one-fourth of her members, ministers, and money, belong to her missions. She has 1268 preachers and 359,028 members at home, 370 preachers and 92,258 members in foreign stations. She expends according to our calculation $1,500,000 annually in her home work, and $500,000 in her foreign missions. * * * The regularity, energy, and success of her missionary enterprises are matters of wonder to other churches, and have provoked very many to emulation. This is not the least of her precious fruits. The secret of success lies, first in the missionary spirit, with which her whole population is imbued, and has been since the days of Wesley; so that each one, from the man of wealth to the little Cotton spinner in the mills, feels that it is a first duty to make the annual contribution to the missionary cause. So powerful a hold has this sense of obligation, that the missionary funds for the last year or two have not diminished, notwithstanding the long continued stagnation in every branch of trade.

For the ecclesiastical year ending Feb. 1st, 1843, there was collected in the S. C. Conference of the M. E. Church for Missions - $11,642 84

The membership in the Conference at that time amounted to, Whites, 29,887—Colored, 33,200.

For the year ending Feb. 1st, 1844, there was reported, as collected in the same Conference for Missions, the sum of $11,309 91

The membership amounted to, Whites, 31,658—Colored, 37,852.

To support the Missions in the S. C. Conference, to the blacks exclusively, an annual appropriation is made of between 8 and $9000.

The question then returns—to what are we to attribute the apathy of our churches, and what is to be done ?

"It is evident to every one, that something more *ought* to be done—that more must be done, or the world will never be converted. At the present rate, centuries must roll away, ere the Gospel will be preached to a *tithe* of the perishing; not to speak of the time that must elapse before they will be brought under its saving influence. A great change, therefore, must be wrought in the feelings and conduct of professed Christians or there is little hope for a dying world. How is the change to be produced ? How is this deep and abiding interest, that will lead to systematic, persevering, and vigorous effort, to be created ! Perhaps no single plan or system of effort can be proposed as a satisfactory answer to this question. It is sometimes said, and with truth too, *that the people must be better informed*—they must be made better acquainted with the condition of the heathen, and in relation to the efforts making to enlighten them.—It is confessed on all hands that there is a lamentable deficiency on this point. The mass of our people are shamefully ignorant in relation to this whole subject. This defect must be corrected by every means possible. Pastors must be more faithful. They must first inform themselves, and then instruct the people of their charge. Our excellent periodicals must be more widely circulated, and the people induced to read them. But this is not all that is required.—This alone will not remedy the evil. Our Presbyteries and Church Sessions could do much, if they will only enlist with good will in the cause. If they would only see to it that every church did *something*, even if it were only a small sum that each contributed, it would soon cause the treasury to overflow. It would not require large donations, princely sums, to sustain this cause, if it were only systematized, and all were required to help according to their ability. An average of one or two dollars from each communicant would be a small matter, and yet this sum annually contributed would enable the Board, at once, to send out four or five times as many men as are now in the field.

But a difficulty lies aback of all these, and until this is removed, all our efforts will be unavailing. It is not so much a want of information, or a want of system, or the defectiveness of this or that measure, as a want of *holiness*, a want of

sincere and unreserved consecration to God; of zeal for his glory and love to the souls of men. This is the *great* difficulty—the paramount obstacle to the world's conversion.—Compared to this, all others are trifling and insignificant. Remove this, and depend upon it, all the others will vanish of themselves. Imbue the church with a large measure of the spirit of holiness, and there will be no complaint about *funds*. It will require no effort to keep up the monthly concert—there will be no lack of candidates to go and preach the gospel to the heathen. The whole Church would then be an efficient Missionary Society, and every member would be a missionary in spirit—we would hear nothing more about "charity beginning at home;" or of the necessity of laying up for children; or of the hardness of the times, or of the frequency of demands. But the property of the Church, like the hearts of its members, would all be sacred to the Lord; and the earth would speedily be filled with the glory of God, even as the waters cover the great deep."

To lead to this blessed result, our first and greatest duty is to realize more truly the necessity of the influence and operations of the Holy Spirit, and the consequent duty of earnest, fervent, and effectual prayer This duty should, therefore, be more prominently brought forward in our pulpits, and more constantly practised in our families and in the social circle. And hence it appears that the Monthly Concert for Prayer assumes a character of primary importance, and presses its observance with irresistable claims upon the attention of every Pastor and Church throughout the land. For while it implies more than ordinary devotion to prayer and supplication, it at the same time lays hold of those many and especial promises of our Divine Redeemer that when his people agree in asking any blessing he will grant it to them—and that when his people are found with one accord assembled in His presence, He will come to them and bless them with all spiritual blessing.

But in connexion with prayer we, who are in the Ministry should give ourselves to preaching on this subject. And here let us press upon the consideration of our brethren, what has appeared of great moment to our minds, and fully illustrated in our own experience, that "one cause of inefficient preaching on this subject is, that the topic is introduced too exclusively at stated times, on annual occasions, and in connection with pecuniary collection. The people perceive that the pastor has set himself to the painful duty of eliciting their contributions. He has prepared himself expressly for the occasion. He has laboriously acquired information on a subject not at all times familiar, and is evidently making a

special exertion. Thus connected with an extra effort, and an annual occasion, connected too, with a demand upon their charity, the subject is presented in some of its worst associations. Such efforts are often powerless. The subject of missions should indeed be presented on particular occasions —but not on such occasions alone.

It should be introduced as a legitimate topic of ordinary ministerial discourse. It should come to the people associated with his most powerful and happy efforts. It should come as a topic to which he always expected their hearts to respond. It should furnish the impressive illustration, the convincing argument, the thrilling fact. It should come not in perpetual connection with pecuniary effort, but in his freest, his holiest appeals. It should come because his heart is so full of it that he cannot keep it back, and because it is connected by golden threads with all the glorious themes of the gospel. Thus presented from the pulpit, it will soon become a theme to which every heart is ready to vibrate; a theme no longer painful to the Christian, because it demands his charities; but most welcome because it awakens his gratitude, quickens his faith, calls forth more ardent love, and prompts to an entire consecration to Christ."

Your Committee would only further repeat their increased and daily increasing sense of the importance and necessity of training up the youth of our Church in the spirit of Missions. To this duty all branches of the church are waking up, and vigorously employing all the means in their power to train up the children of the Church in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and, therefore, in the habit and practice of praying, giving, and labouring for the extension to heathen lands of the benefits and blessings of the gospel.— Upwards of 70 Sabbath schools connected with the Free Church of Scotland have contributed to its Missionary funds. About the same number in our own Church have contributed during the past year $1400 to the funds of our General Board. The children connected with the London Missionary Society during the past year raised by voluntary contributions about $25,000 to purchase and fit out a new Missionary ship. And there are now Children's Missionary Magazines published by the London Missionary Society, by the Evangelical part of the Established Church in England, the Free Church of Scotland or at least in Edinburgh, and by the Secession body in Scotland and of which specimens may be seen.

You will find from the Treasurer's Report that one Juvenile Society connected with one of our Churches has raised about $200 during the year, and a nearly equal sum for some

twelve years past, and it is the belief of your Committee that the meetings connected with that Society are highly instructive and beneficial to all who attend them.

"Besides (as has been remarked) the sum actually realized from this source, is, the habit of giving, the practice of self-denial, the taste of liberality, which, when early acquired and strengthened through youth to adult years, will then prove the means of a ready, constant, and cordial support of the work, altogether different from the unsteady and impulsive efforts of many Christians at the present day. The value of these habits to the cause of missions, in a pecuniary point of view, can hardly be too highly estimated.

The support of this work has a happy influence on the character of children. It leads them to become intelligent; they will want information about the nations on whose behalf their charity is solicited; they will desire to understand their character, condition, and usages, as well as their religion; and also the natural productions of their countries, and their political and commercial relations and modes of intercourse with other nations. In these and other ways the children of a family or of a Sabbath-school, which give a weekly or a monthly penny each to educate a heathen child in India, will soon know more about the Hindus than many a noisy politician. It lead them also to cultivate feelings of benevolence towards the destitute and the needy; to form habits of forethought and consideration in regard to the best use of money; to exercise self-denial, and thus to fortify them against the common danger of youth, self-indulgence; to take broad views of human life and happiness, and to appreciate their own privileges. These are all deeply important elements in the formation of youthful character.

The work of Missions needs the support of children.—They can do much for its advancement now. And in a few years, the burden of this work will rest on them. The funds for its support, in less than twenty years must come mainly from their liberality and self-denial. The missionaries who shall labour in China and India, after a few years, are now like olive plants, round about our tables. The Christian principle is soon to support this work, and the intelligence which is to direct it, are now maturing in the young minds under our daily and hourly influence. Beyond any doubt, these are the minds which should be imbued with missionary zeal; and, now is the time for sowing the seed which shall yield fruit on the wastes of paganism. We need not dwell longer on so plain a matter, and we would now commend this subject to the consideration of Pastors, Sabbath-school Superintendents and Teachers, and especially Christian Parents

We would, however, suggest, that the mode of proceeding is comparatively unimportant. Much depends on the circumstances of each case, but in all cases the simpler the machinery the better. Let each child have the opportunity of doing something, and of exercising intelligently some self-denial under the influence of proper motives. We would not ask a child to give up that which we indulge ourselves, but many things will give occasion for calling into practice the principles which every Christian parent should be anxious to implant and cherish.—We would guard against giving a severe and ascetic tone to the charities of our children; rather let their offerings by made with a cheerful affectionate spirit, in keeping with their own happy time of life, and acceptable to Him whose eye looks with favour upon all his people, but with peculiar tenderness upon the lambs of his flock. Nothing better, nothing at all so much do we desire for our children, as to see them animated from their earliest years with the Saviour's spirit, imitating his example, and preparing for his presence. And it is because we do believe that this work has a deeply important bearing on their character, their usefulness, their highest happiness, that we so earnestly press it on the consideration of all.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Southern Board of Foreign Missions in account with JAMES ADGER, *Treasurer.*

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Nov 19, By balance per account this date, Bill Central Bank of Georgia,			$50 00
By cash through Mr. John Mills, collection in Fairview church,	$10 00		
Through Rev. Mr. Hoyt, as follows:—			
From a Trustee of Presbyterian ch. Athens, Ga.	$10 00		
From a Lady, a member of Presbyterian ch., Athens, Georgia,	6 00		
From a Lady, a member of Presbyterian ch, Athens,	5 00	—21 00	
Nov. 23, Mr. B. King, Savannah, Monthly Concerts, collections of the Roswell Presbyterian church, Cobb county, Ga.,		53 44	
Nov. 29, Rev. John Winn, of which $1 is from a pious family in Darien who were prevented one night from attending Monthly Concert, and from Mr Edmund Atkinson, of Waynesville, $10, and from Mr. Mumford, of Waynesville, $2,		13 00	—97 44
Dec. 12, E. P. Hill, Esq. Treasurer, collections 1st Presbyterian ch, Columbus,		40 00	
Through Rev Thomas Smyth, the following sums:			
From the McDonough church,	$1 00		
From Mrs. Jane Giles and Master Giles, Alcovia ch., Georgia,	1 25		
From Salem church, Wilkes county, Georgia,	10 00		
From Beech Island church, Monthly Concert collections,	14 00		
From Greensboro' church, do. through J. Cunningham, Esq.,	50 00		
From Good Hope church, through Rev. D. Humphreys,	10 75		
From Hopewell church,	21 75		
From Willington church,	12 00		
From Presbyterian church, Athens, through E. Newton, Treasurer:—Monthly Concert in said church, $49 30; Miss N. A. Nisbet, Athens, 2 50; Thos. W. Baxter, Athens, 20; a friend, 1; a Gold Buckle given at Monthly Concert, (sold for $5 50, and from a friend $1,) 6 50,	79 30	—200 05	
Dec. 23, Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, in money $20, one Gold Ring.		20 00	—260 05

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Jan 2, Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, 34 75
Jan. 16, Thro' Robinsons & Caldwell, donation from Capt. John Blair, of Yorkville, 50 00
Jan. 22, Through Samuel R. Chandler, Deacon, contribution of two members Concord church, viz :—
R. R. Durant, 10 00
Mrs. Leah McFadden, 10 00—20 00
Jan. 27, Through Mr. J. Y. Alexander, contributions for 1843 :—
Newnan church, 18 00
White Oak church, 7 00—25 00—129 75
Feb. 2, Thro' Rev B. Gildersleeve, from Beech Island church, collected by Rev. J. L. McBride, for the Mission in China, 10 00
Feb. 7, Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, 45 37
Feb. 12, Through Rev T. Smyth, balance quarterly collection of Juvenile Missionary Society of 2d Presbyterian church, 30 00—85 37
March 2, Through Mr. James Green, collections in Darlington church, 34 62
March 4, Through Rev. T. Smyth, Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, 32 62
March 6, Through Mr. E. B. Baker, Monthly Concert Harris Neck church, McIntosh county, 15 00
March 12, Through S. Crane, Esq., for Monthly Concert collections at Columbia, S. C., 120 00
March 14, Thro' E P. Hill, Treasuurer, collections in Presbyterian church, Columbus, Ga., for Januuary, February and March, 38 50
March 21, Through Mr James H Saye, collection in Cane Creek church, $7 ; less, postage, 37 cts. 6 63
Through Rev. B Gildersleeve, contribution from Bethany church, Flint River Presbytery, 10 00
March 27, Thro' Mrs. Mary Jones, collection of the Union School Juvenile Missionary Society, Riceboro', Liberty County, for the Mission in Siam, in which Mr. and Mrs. Way, of Liberty county, Ga., are employed, 10 00
Thro' a friend from Lexington, Ga , 5 00—272 37
April 3, Thro' John Adger, Albion, S. C , from Jackson's Creek church, 45 58
April 5, Through Mr. John B. Ball, Treasurer, Monthly Concert Willington church, Abbeville District, 20 00
Through Rev. T. Smyth, Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, Charleston, 33 65
Through Mr. John Workman, Treasurer, collection in Bethesda ch., Camden, S C., 81 15
April 8, Through Mr. S Donnelly, annual collection Beaver Creek church, $50 95 ; less, postage, 12 cts , 50 83
April 9, Through Rev John Winn, contribution of a visiter to the Missionary Box on the Mantle-piece, 2 50
April 10, Through Rev. B. Gildersleeve, from Beech Island church, 10 00
April 11, Through Mr. George Moffett, collection in Presbyterian church, Columbia, 25 00
April 15, Through Mr. Joseph Cumming, from 1st Presbyterian ch , Savannah, 30 82

April 17, Through Mr. S. W Dubose, collections of the Darlington Presbyterian church, $56; less, discount on Certificate of Deposite in Georgetown Bank, ½ per cent. 28 cents, 55 72
April 25, Through Mrs. A Nisbet, from the members of Athens church, for the Mission in China, 20 00
Through Rev. W. P. Harrison, a young Lawyer's contribution, 3 00
Through Mr. John Workman, Treasurer, contribution of Bethesda church, Camden, 10 00
April 27, Through Mr E. Simonton, from a few members of Hopewell church, Flint River Presbytery, 5 00—393 25

May 6, Through Mr. Dickey, from Brewington, 1; and from Harmony church, Harmony Presbytery, 2, 3 00
Through Rev. Mr. Auld, from Harmony Presbytery, 15 00
May 7, Through Rev. Thos. Smyth, Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, 20 00
May 8, Through Mr. Sidney Crane, Monthly Concert collection in Presbyterian church. Columbia, (of which sum $20 is to the Mission to the Pawnees.) 25 00
May 10, Through Mr. W. Shear, of Augusta, as follows:
Annual collection Presbyterian ch, Augusta, Ga. 215 43
Monthly Concerts in do., July 2, $6; August 6, 8 90; Sept 3d, 17 06; Oct. 1st, 7 90; Nov. 5th, 7 50, 43 36
From Mrs. A. A Nisbet, Athens, Ga., 20 00
From Presbyterian church, Washington, Wilkes Co., Geo., $21 21; less, postage, 25 cents, 20 96-299 75
May 13, Through Wm. H. Harris, Abbeville, S. C., (balance, to complete the amount of $50, to constitute him an Honorary Member of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, the amount of $20 having been paid already to this object.) 30 00
May 17, Thro' Rev Thos Smyth, balance of quarterly collection of Juvenile Missionary Society of 2d Presbyterian church, Charleston, 35 30
May 22, Through Gen. J. N. Whitner, contribution of churches and individuals in South Carolina Presbytery as follows:

Hopewell, (Keowee,)	10 00
Fairview,	5 00
Lebanon,	25 00
Friendship,	1 20
Rocky Creek,	13 25
Rocky River,	32 00
Providence,	22 87
Anderson,	5 00
Rev. W. Carlile,	5 00
Rev. W. McWhorter,	3 00
Mrs. Mary Simpson,	2 05
Mrs. Sarah Dover,	1 00
Greenville church,	3 66
Interest on G. Reid's legacy,	7 00—136 03

May 24, Through Mr Alexander Mitchell, Darien, from Presbyterian church, Darien, $30 13; from Darien Sabbath School, principally the Infant Class, 4 05; less, postage, 18 cents. 34 00—598 08

June 5, Through Mr. George Moffett, Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, 28 43

June 6, Through Rev. Charles S. Dod, from Presbyterian church, Augusta, as follows:—Juvenile Missionary Society, July to Oct. 1843, $13 40; Quarter ending Jan., 1844, 15 97; Do. April, 17 75, 47 12

Ladies Missionary Society, annual subscription, 56 00

Monthly Concerts, 1844:

January,	$8 56	
February,	5 36	
March,	30 59	
May,	12 37-56	88-160 00—188 43

July 3, Through Mr. E. B. Baker, collections at Harris Neck ch, 15 00

July 5, Through D. W. Harrison, collections on account of Missionary Chronicle, 25 85

July 8, Mr. William Shear, Monthly Concert Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro', Burke county, Ga, 20 50

July 9, Through George Moffett, Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, 7th July, 26 55

Mr. Joseph Cumming, Monthly Concert 1st Presbyterian church, Savannah, 11 19

July 15, From an unknowu hand, for the education of Horace S. Pratt, in India, $20; less, postage 56 cts. 19 44

July 18, Through Mrs. Leland, Treasurer Ladies Association of Columbia, auxiliary to the Board of Foreign Missions, ($30 of which is to constitute Mrs Margaret Ellison a Life Member of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions,) 38 00

July 19, From John B. Bull, Monthly Concert Willington church, Abbeville, 10 00—166 53

August 6, Through George Moffett, Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, 23 27

From Juvenile Missionary Society, 2d Presbyterian church. 20 00

August 8, From a Lady in Georgia for the China Mission, through Rev. Mr Gildersleeve, 1 00

August 16, From J B. Hunter, Tr. Bethel Benevolent Association, for the cause of Foreign Missions, 15 00

August 17, From a friend, through Rev. Mr. Gildersleeve, 5 00—64 27

Sept. 10, From a family of the Linton Grove church, Jeffersonton, for the support (in part) of Richard Q. Way and wife, Missionaries to Siam, 20 00

Sept. 18, From the church at Walterboro', through Rev. Mr. Gildersleeve, 15 00—35 00

Oct. 4, From the Rosswell Presbyterian church, Concert collection, from Archibald Smith, 30 00

Oct 6, From Mount Olivet Missionary Society, (Foreign) from Jas E. Caldwell, through Robinsons & Caldwell, 24 75

From John Robinson, Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, 48 82

Oct. 12, Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church, 1st Sunday in September, 28 07

Georgia Rail Road Bill, and a Gold Ring. 25-28 32

Oct. 18, From Joseph Cumming, Monthly Concert 1st Presbyterian church, Savannah, 10 00

From "A Friend," per letter, Lexington, Geo. 14th October 5 00—146 89

Nov. 4, Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian ch,, Charleston, thro' Rev. Thomas Smyth,	45 50		
Nov. 6, Through Rev. Dr. Church, from a Friend,	2 30		
From Sandy Creek church, Jackson county, Ga.,	7 70–10 00		
Nov. 8, Through Mr. W. Aldrich, Monthly Concert St. Mary's, Ga., Presbyterian church,	75 00		
Sunday School collection, do.	10 00–85 00		
Nov. 13, Through Jos. Cumming, Esq., Monthly Concert, 1st Presbyterian church, Savannah,	10 00		
Nov. 27, Through Mr. John Cunningham, Monthly Concert Presbyterian church, Greensborough, Geo.,	28 00		
Through Mr. N. N. Smith, Monthly Concert Presbyterian church, Lagrange, Geo.	5 00		
Nov. 29, Through Mr. Wm. Dearing, collections in the Presbyterian church, Athens, Ga.,	78 25		
Monthly collections, do. during the year,	48 25–126 50		—310 00
Dec. 2, Through Rev. T. Smyth, Monthly Concert 2d Presbyterian church,	65 00		
Dec. 3, Through Rev. Mr. Gildersleeve, Monthly Concert Presbyterian church, Beech Island,	10 00		
Through Rev. T. Smyth, balance quarterly collection Juvenile Missionary Society, 2d Presbyterian church,	56 81		
Dec. 4, Through Rev. C. S. Dod, Monthly Concerts Presbyterian church, Augusta: for June, 6 94; July, 5 34; August, 4 34; Sept. 1 10; Oct 6 57; Nov. 14 87; collection Juvenile Missionary Society, 5 04,	44 10		—175 91
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Dec. 12, Postages paid by Rev. Thomas Smyth,	$1 50
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May 23, Paid Executive Committee's Order to remit Assembly's Board the sum of $1800—remitted in James Adger & Co.'s Draft at sight on Brown, Brothers & Co., favor of Rev. Daniel Wells, Treasurer, for $1800—exchange ¼ per cent discount,	1797 75
Dec. 1, Paid remittance for 60 copies of Foreign Missionary,	18 00
Paid Rev. Thomas Smyth for postages, periodicals, &c.	10 00
Paid remittance to Rev. Mr. Merrick, Missionary to Persia, the same being an appropriation of the Juvenile Missionary Society, 2d Presbyterian church, Charleston,	30 00
Dec. 6, Paid remittance to Daniel Wells, Treasurer, per order of Executive Committee, for balance in hand, per James Adger & Co.'s Draft on Brown, Brothers & Co., at sight, for $1117 51, ¼ per cent discount,	1116 09
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APPENDIX

To the Minutes of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, December, 1844, containing the revised Constitution of the Theological Seminary and of Oglethorpe University.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO REVISE THE CONSTITUTION OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, AND ADAPT IT TO THE PROSPECTIVE DIVISION OF THAT BODY, AS ADOPTED.

The Committee respectfully submit the annexed draft of a Constitution for the consideration of Synod—premising that in their view the charter of the Seminary need not be changed—that the property is secure under the existing charter—and that the style and title of the Institution is only an appellative, or a name, and not necessary to designate the body or bodies to whom its management belongs—but a name that aptly designates the body by whom it originated, and if preserved, will perpetuate the historical remembrance that the two Synods, about to be constituted, were originally one, and are ever after to be regarded as equally and jointly succeeding to the rights and privileges of the existing Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, in respect to this Institution.

SECTION I.

Name and Design of the Seminary.

The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, with a view to the glory of God and the extension of the knowledge of Christ, through an enlightened Ministry, resolved to establish an Institution of sacred learning, to be called the "*Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia,*" The design of this Institution was ever to be to educate young men for the Gospel Ministry, who shall believe, teach, and defend the doctrines of the Bible as summarily exhibited in the Confession of Faith, Form of Government, and Discipline of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

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SECTION II.

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ement of this Seminary is, and shall

s shall elect a Board of Directors
Ministers and eighteen Laymen—
half of the number—that is to say,
each Synod shall annually elect four ministers and three laymen, who shall hold their office for three years. And to complete the number needed, the Synods shall each supply their quota in such manner that the term of service of one third of the whole number shall expire each and every year. In cases of death, resignation, or otherwise, the Synod within whose bounds these shall occur, shall annually supply the deficiency

ART. III. These Synods shall also elect all future Professors, and fix their salaries in the following manner: That is to say, the Synod of South Carolina shall elect the first Professor, and fix his salary, and the Synod of Georgia the second, and so alternately—the action of each Synod in the premises to be confirmed by the other Synod. And in order that no protracted vacancy in the Professorships may occur, the Synod whose right it is to elect, shall uniformly meet earlier than the other Synod, that the election may be had and confirmed with the least possible delay. But in cases of vacancy during the recess of the Synods, the Board shall have the power of appointing temporary assistant Instructors.

ART. IV. In the trial or impeachment of a Professor for immorality, error, unfaithfulness, or incompetency, the trial or impeachment may be before either of the Synods; and if the decision of the one body shall be confirmed by the other, there shall be no further appeal.

ART. V. Alterations or amendments in this Constitution may originate in either of the Synods. But they can only be adopted by the concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members of each Synod.

SECTION III.

Mode of Election.

ART. I. In the election of Directors, each Synod shall cause its roll to be called, that the members may nominate;

and from this nomination, a list of which shall be placed in a public situation, the election shall be made by ballot, but not on the same day with the nomination, nor without a specific order as to the time of such election. The persons on the list having the largest number of votes shall be considered duly elected.

ART. II. In the election, or in confirming the election of a Professor, it shall be done by ballot, it having been previously made the order of the day, and a season of special prayer observed for the Divine direction in the choice.

SECTION IV.

Board of Directors.

ART. I. The Board of Directors, at their annual meetings, shall choose a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer; and also two Committees of Investment, (one in each Synod.) They may also, when necessary, elect a President and Secretary pro tempore. Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, provided four of them be Ministers.

ART. II. The meetings of the Board shall be on their own adjournments; and special meetings of the Board shall be called by the President, or, in his absence, by the Vice-President, whenever so requested by any four Directors—such call, to be valid, requiring a circular letter to be addressed to each member of the Board at least twenty days before said meeting, and specifying the time, place, and object of the call—and no other business but that embraced in the circular, shall be transacted at such special meetings.

ART. III. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Board, and carefully preserve on file the papers of the same; he shall also keep a record of their proceedings, which shall be submitted to the Synods for inspection.

ART. IV. The Treasurer shall receive, manage, and (with the advice and consent of the appropriate Committee of Investment,) invest the funds of the Seminary, under the direction of the Board. He shall give (if required) bond for their faithful management, in such sum as the Board shall direct, with sufficient sureties, to "the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia." He shall give receipts for all monies received; pay all monies appropriated by the Board; and make an annual report of the state of the funds, and of the expenditures of the Seminary, to the Board of Directors. It is further specified that all the permanent funds raised in the State

of Georgia shall be invested in that State, and shall be considered as belonging to the Synod of that State, after the division of the present Synod of South Carolina and Georgia' and after the Synod of Georgia shall have established a Theological Seminary within the State of Georgia.—Provided, nevertheless, should the Synod of Georgia withdraw for the purpose above specified the funds raised in Georgia, then and in that case it shall relinquish all right to and control over the remaining funds of the Institution, which shall thenceforward remain under the exclusive management and control of the Synod of South Carolina, and of the Directors elected by that Synod.

ART. V. The Investing Committees shall aid the Treasurer in investing the funds of the Seminary; such investments always to be made in the corporate name of the Institution; and the Investing Committees are further required to make an annual report to the Board of whatever funds may be entrusted to their management.

ART. VI. The Board of Directors shall inaugurate the Professors, and prescribe the forms and service of the occasion. They shall also direct and instruct them in regard to the subjects of instruction, so far as not prescribed in the Constitution. And they shall inspect their conduct and doctrine; and if any Professor be found immoral in his conduct, unsound in the faith, opposed to the government of the Presbyterian Church, unfaithful in his trust, or incompetent to discharge his duties, they shall report him to one of the Synods, or should his continuance in office be thought highly injurious or dangerous, the Board may immediately suspend him, until his case be tried by the Synods.

ART. VII. The Board of Directors shall watch over the conduct of the Students, redress their grievances, and, when necessary, expel them from the Seminary.

ART. VIII. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Committee of five, viz. three Clergymen and two Laymen, to attend each regular Examination of the Seminary. And in the presence of the Committee and the Faculty, the examination shall be conducted by the several instructors. The Committee shall report the result of the examination to the Board.

ART. IX. The Board of Directors shall make a full and written report of the state of the Seminary at each stated meeting of the Synods; and they may at the same time recommend the adoption of any measures they may deem necessary for the benefit of the Seminary.

ART. X. The Board shall further make all rules and regulations, appoint Agents, and generally do whatever they deem for the welfare of the Seminary; provided it shall not be

repugnant to this Constitution, the orders of the Synods, or the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church.

ART. XI. The Board shall open and close all their sessions by prayer.

SECTION V.

Professors and Faculty.

ART. I. The number of Professors in this Seminary, when fully organized, shall be not less than five, (viz) a Professor of Biblical Literature, of Christian Theology, of Church History and Polity, of Pastoral Duties, and of Sacred Rhetoric. There may also be a Tutor of the Hebrew Language, to be appointed by the Board, and his salary to be fixed by them.

ART. II. Every Professor shall be an ordained Minister of the Presbyterian Church.

ART. III. Every Professor, when inaugurated, shall publicly subscribe the Confession of Faith agreeably to the following Formula :—"In the presence of God and this Board, I do solemnly subscribe the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, as a just summary of the doctrines contained in the Bible, and promise and engage not to teach directly or indirectly any doctrine contrary to this belief, while I continue a Professor in this Seminary."

ART IV. Every Professor shall ordinarily attend a private recitation every day with his own class, and shall publicly deliver a regular course of written Lectures before all the Students during their course of studies in the Seminary—the text books and plan of instruction to be approved by the Board, and shall precede and follow every public lecture, and precede every private recitation with prayer.

ART. V. The Professors, when desirable, shall, under the direction of the Board, supply the Students with the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of its ordinances.

ART. VI. Any Professor, intending to resign his office, shall give six months notice of his intention to the Board.

ART. VII. The Professors shall constitute a Faculty who shall meet at least monthly, on a given day—and at all meetings of the Faculty the senior Professor shall preside, but in every other respect the Professrs shall be on an equality, and all questions before them shall be decided by a majority of votes.

ART. VIII. The Faculty shall appoint a Clerk, and keep a fair record of their proceedings, which shall be submitted to

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the inspection of the Board at their annual meeting. They shall also, in accordance with this Constitution, receive and act upon all applications for admission to the Seminary, and for charitable assistance; give certificates to Students applying to Presbyteries or other ecclesiastical bodies for license, and to those leaving the Seminary after completing their regular course of studies. They shall fix the time for social worship morning and evening,—the hours for private recitations,—and the days for public lectures. They shall decide all questions of order, and cases of discipline; suspend any Student, (until tried by the Board,) who, in their opinion, is unworthy the privileges of the Seminary, or whose connexion with the institution would be injurious to its interests.—They shall do generally whatever is deemed necessary for the successful regulation of the internal concerns of the Seminary; and report, in writing, the state of the same to the Board of Directors at their annual meeting. And they may suggest or recommend subjects for the consideration of the Board.

Section VI.

Admission and Duties of Students.

Art. I. Students to be admitted must furnish the Faculty with satisfactory testimonials of their talents, piety, and prudence; of having been regularly educated at some College or University, or made attainments deemed equivalent, and of being in full communion with some Christian Church.

Art. II. Candidates furnishing these testimonials shall be examined by the Faculty, in the learned languages, on experimental religion, and with reference to their object in studying Theology. This examination being satisfactory, they shall be presented with the Constitution of the Seminary, and received on trial for three months; during which time they shall enjoy all the privileges of the Institution, and conform to all its requisitions.

Art. III. At the end of this period those whom the Faculty deem worthy, shall be admitted to a full standing in the Seminary, by subscribing the following declaration, viz:—"Deeply impressed with a sense of the importance of improving in knowledge, prudence and piety, preparatory to the Gospel Ministry, I solemnly promise, in reliance on Divine grace, that I will faithfully and diligently attend to all the instructions of this Seminary, and that I will conscientiously and vigilantly observe all the rules and regulations specified in the Constitution, and also obey all the lawful requisitions, and readily yield to all the wholesome admonitions of the

Professors and Directors of the Seminary, while I shall continue a member of it." Should any Student continue, for the space of one month, to refuse to subscribe the above declaration, after being regularly called upon by the Faculty to do so, he shall no longer enjoy the privileges of the Institution.

ART. IV. The Students thus admitted to the Seminary shall continue members of it three years, and be divided into three classes, to be called Senior, Middle, and Junior. The Junior shall embrace those of the first year; the Middle those of the second; and the Senior those of the third.

ART. V. The Students of the several classes shall reside at the Seminary, during the whole of each term, and be under the particular charge of their respective Professors. Nor shall any Student leave town, or be absent from any regular exercise of the Seminary, without permission. And for each offence he shall render a satisfactory excuse to the Professor of his class, or in case of his absence, to the senior Professor present.

ART. VI. The Students shall sustain good moral and religious characters; manifest a due regard for the Directors, Professors, and each other; pursue the course of studies approved by the Board; observe the regulations of the Faculty respecting the hours of study, private recitations, public lectures, and social devotions; and obey the requisitions of their several instructors.

ART. VII. The Students of the Junior and Middle Classes, shall write compositions on such subjects, and at such times, as their Professors may direct; and shall submit the same to them for criticism. The Students of the Senior Class shall write, during the year, at least three Sermons, which shall be submitted to the Professor to whom the Board shall assign the duty, for private criticism and approval; and they shall alter and transcribe them until approved by his signature.—And the Students of all the Classes shall, if practicable, deliver a piece of their own composition before the Students and Professors, at least once in each month.

ART. VIII. Any Student who neglects his regular studies, is guilty of any indiscretion, exhibits an indifference to practical religion, or otherwise violates this constitution, shall be faithfully admonished in private or before his class, as the Professor may deem expedient; if the Student perseveres in the same course he shall be publicly admonished, or suspended from the Seminary, and reported to the Board by the Faculty; and if he still refuses to acknowledge, and make satisfaction for his offence, he shall be immediately cut off from the Institution by the Board.

ART. IX. Every Student, having completed a regular course of three years studies, in this Seminary, settled all his term bills with the Treasurer, and returned and replaced all the books taken from the Library, shall receive a certificate from the Faculty, specifying the time he has been connected with the Seminary, the diligence he has manifested in his studies, and the moral and religious character he has sustained.

SECTION VII.

Course of Studies.

ART I. The course of studies pursued in this Seminary shall embrace a period of three years; it shall cover, in general, the ground of Biblical Literature, Christian Theology, Church History and Polity, Pastoral Duties, and Sacred Rhetoric; and none, who do not complete this course, shall be entitled to a regular certificate of the Faculty.

ART. II. The studies of the Junior year shall be confined principally to the department of Biblical Literature. Those of the Middle to Christian Theology and Church History; and those of the Senior to Christian Theology, Church History and Polity, Pastoral Duties and Sacred Rhetoric. The more particular division of the course to be made by the Faculty under the direction of the Board

ART. III. This course of studies shall be varied or extended as the improvements of the age may require; provided it never deviates from the Word of God, and the Standards of the Presbyterian Church.

SECTION VIII.

License, Ordination, and Preaching.

ART. I. No application for licensure or ordination shall be made by a Student of the Seminary, without first procuring from the Faculty a certificate stating the time he has been connected with the Institution, the character he has sustained, and that he makes the application with their consent.

ART. II. Members of the Seminary, who have been regularly licensed, may occasionally preach in the Institution, if the Faculty desire it—their sermons having been previously examined and approved by one of the Professors. And they shall not preach out of the Seminary under any circumstances, but with the permission of the Faculty.

SECTION IX.

Resident Licentiates.

ART. I. Licentiates or Students, who have honorably completed a course of theological studies, may reside at this In-

stitution, and enjoy the privilege of the Library, and also the public lectures and private recitations of the Professors.

Art. II. Persons thus residing at the Seminary shall be under the inspection of the Faculty, and be required to attend the devotional exercises of the Institution.

SECTION X.

Devotion and Personal Piety.

Art. I. Sacred devotion and ardent piety shall ever be considered by all connected with this Seminary, an object of the first moment. And every Professor, resident Licentiate, and Student, shall feel himself bound by the most solemn obligations, to employ all the means in his power, private and social, to promote it. Nor shall either be satisfied without high attainments in personal piety.

Art. II. To secure this object all connected with the Institution shall enjoy the privilege of spending a portion of each day in reading the Scriptures, private meditation, and secret prayer. Every Sabbath shall be sacredly devoted to religious services, private and social. And other periods may be appropriated to social prayer and praise, for the mutual and spiritual benefit of those so engaged.

Art. III. Religious service shall be performed in the chapel every morning and evening, during each term, as the Faculty may direct, and in the following order, viz: The service shall commence with a short prayer, imploring the aid and blessing of heaven; a portion of Scripture shall then be read, and accompanied with such remarks or written exposition as the presiding officer may think proper; after which a psalm or hymn shall be sung, and the whole concluded with an appropriate prayer. These services shall be under the direction of one of the Professors; though a senior Student may officiate.

Art. IV. There shall be, at least, one weekly Conference appointed by the Faculty, with a design to promote the personal piety of the Students, and qualify them for the practical duties of the Ministry. And if deemed expedient, the Faculty may occasionally set apart a day for fasting, humiliation, and prayer, which shall be strictly observed by all members of the Institution.

Art. V. Every member of the Seminary shall regularly, conscientiously, and devoutly, attend all these religious services, and such others as the Faculty may appoint.

SECTION XI.

Examinations and Anniversary.

Art. I. There shall be at the close of every term an examination in each year, at such time as the Board may direct.

Art. II. At the close of each year there shall be a public anniversary, the exercises of which, embracing the whole course of instruction, shall be limited to the Senior Class.—The performances on the occasion shall all be written and previously examined and approved by the Professors.

Art. III. No member of the Seminary shall be absent from the examination of his respective class; if so, he shall be examined by the Faculty, at the commencement of the next term: And if his examination be not satisfactory, he shall be required to make up the deficiency, otherwise he may not proceed with the class.

Art. IV. The Examinations shall be conducted by the several Instructors, under the inspection of the Examining Committee of the Board: And the exercises of the Anniversary shall be arranged by the Faculty.

SECTION XII.

Vacations.

Art. I. There shall be one or more vacations in each year, at such times and of such lengths as the Board may direct.

Art. II. During each vacation the Students shall be responsible to the Faculty of the Seminary for their conduct; and for any unworthy course that may injure the Institution, they shall be admonished, or may be suspended, as the case requires.

Art. III. At the close of every vacation, the Students shall immediately return to the Seminary; and no excuse, for absence after the term commences, shall be deemed satisfactory, except sickness and unavoidable necessity.

SECTION XIII.

Library.

Art. I. The Library shall be deposited in a suitable room provided for the purpose; and committed to the care of a Librarian appointed by the Board.

Art. II. The Librarian shall give bond, when required by the Board, for the faithful management of the Library, in such sum, and with such sureties, as the Board may direct; and

he shall, if necessary, be allowed a suitable sum for his services. He may also appoint a substitute, who shall, during the absence of the Librarian, discharge his duties.

Art. III. The books of the Library shall be regularly numbered and arranged by a Committee of the Board and the Librarian, who shall also furnish an alphabetical Catalogue for the use of the Library: And a fair record of all the books given, and of the names of the donors, shall be kept by the Librarian, for the inspection of all men.

Art. IV. Any book or books which the above Committee may deem too valuable to be loaned from the Library, shall be marked and kept there for occasional reference; and they shall never be loaned by the Librarian without a special order from the Board.

Art. V. The Directors, Professors, and Instructors, resident Licentiates, Students of the Seminary, and others to whom the Board, by a special order, shall grant the privilege, may take books from the Library.

Art. VI. No person shall ever borrow or return a book without the knowledge of the Librarian, or his substitute,—who shall examine the state of the book, and keep a record of its title, also of the time and person. This record shall be signed by the person borrowing or returning the book; unless he be a Director, Professor, or Instructor, who may obtain books by a written order: They may also have access to the Library, on all occasions, whether to return or receive books, or to consult them in the Library.

Art. VII. The Library shall be open for loaning and returning books during term time, one hour a day four days in a week: And no book shall be loaned or returned, at any other time, except as specified in the preceding article, or by the special order of a Professor. And no Student or resident Licentiate shall ever have more than three books, at the same time, in addition to the classics received upon the written order of an Instructor; nor shall he retain any book from the Library more than four weeks; nor further, shall he ever carry any such book out of town.

Art. VIII. Any person injuring or defacing a book taken from the Library, shall make due satisfaction to the Librarian; any person detaining a book beyond the specified time, shall have no other till that be returned, any person losing or destroying a book, shall replace it, or pay its full value—and if belonging to a set, he shall take the remaining volumes and furnish a new set, or pay for the whole.

Art. IX. The Library shall be aired every week, and oftener, if necessary; swept and dusted every month; and at the close of each term before the examination, the books shall

be removed from the shelves and each shelf brushed; and at the end of every year all the books shall be returned to the Library, and the whole prepared for the inspection of the Board—to whom the Librarian shall make a full and written report of the state of the Library at each annual meeting.

SECTION XIV.

Funds and Charitable Assistance.

Art. I. The funds of this Seminary shall ever be kept distinct, and entirely separate from all others; and they shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, to be managed as required by this Constitution.

Art. II. All funds invested for the benefit of the Institution, shall be invested in the name of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, or as they may otherwise direct: And no part of the funds, or their income, shall ever be appropriated, except by an order of the Board, subject at all times to the direction and control of the Synods: And the moneys thus appropriated by the Board shall be paid by the Treasurer, only at the order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary.

Art. III. A sacred regard shall ever be paid to the wishes and directions of all Testators or Donors, who may bequeath or give any thing to the funds of the Institution. Any individual or individuals, who shall, by will, or otherwise, found or endow a Professorship, with $25,000, or a Scholarship, with 2,000 or more dollars, or a fund of any considerable amount, may designate the name by which it shall ever be called.—And any Church Session, Presbytery, Synod, or other Association, which shall found or endow a Professorship, Scholarship, or Fund, may also fix the name by which it shall ever after be known.

Art. IV. The regular and incidental expenses of the Institution being defrayed from the general funds, or their income, all the remaining moneys of these funds may be, and all funds, or their incomes, specially designated for charitable assistance, shall be sacredly appropriated to the use of worthy Students in need of pecuniary aid.

Art. V. To entitle any Student to this aid from the funds of the Seminary, he shall furnish the Board with a certificate from the Faculty, that he possesses the requisite qualifications, viz., has been admitted to a full standing in the Seminary, according to the Constitution, and is in need of charitable assistance.

Art. VI. If any Student, to whom this assistance has been extended, shall be found not to make due proficiency in his studies, or otherwise to be unworthy, he shall no longer receive it. And if any shall leave the Seminary, or be expelled without finishing the regular course prescribed by the Constitution, he shall be held responsible to the Treasurer for the full amount of all the moneys received, unless released by a special vote of the Board.

Art VII. A regular account of all the funds and expenditures of the Institution, and also of the number and names of the Students receiving charitable assistance, shall annually be laid before the Board by the Treasurer.

Art. VIII. To ensure full meetings of the Board, a sum may be annually appropriated to defray the actual travelling expenses of the members, not to exceed ten cents a mile.—But no travelling expenses shall in any case be allowed when the members of the Board are at the same time in attendance upon the meetings of their respective Synods.

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OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY.

Fundamental principles adopted by Hopewell Presbytery for the government of Oglethorpe University, at the inception of the enterprise, which the Synod, on accepting the transfer of the Institution, pledged itself to carry out.

1st. This Institution shall be under the exclusive control and government of the Presbyterian Church.

2d. Its immediate management shall be entrusted to a Board of twenty-four Trustees, to be elected by the Synod for three years, in such a manner that the term of service of one third of the Board shall expire annually. Of this Board nine of its members at least shall always be Ministers of the Gospel in the Presbyterian Church, and eighteen at least of its members shall be members of the Presbyterian Church.

3d. The power of election to office in the Faculty of Instruction, shall reside in the Synod; and no person shall be eligible to office in the Faculty who is not a member of the Presbyterian Church in good and regular standing, unless the election of an individual shall not be considered by the Synod and the Board of Trustees as a departure from the spirit of this rule.

4th. All beneficiaries, or other indigent pious young men, having the Christian Ministry in view, shall receive their tuition free.

The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, at their session in November, 1843, requested the Board of Trustees of this Institution to report upon the alterations necessary in the Constitution to adapt it to the prospective division of the Synod; and the annexed is their report, which was adopted by the Synod, December, 1844:—

"The Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, having been requested by the Synod to make known to that body what alterations may be necessary in the existing relations of the University and the Synod, in the event of a division of the Synod, respectfully report:

"That according to the present Constitution of the University, the Board of Trustees consists of twenty-four members,

of whom at least eighteen must be members of the Presbyterian Church, and of these nine at least must be Ministers of the Presbyterian Church. One-third go out of office annually, and their places filled by the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia. Of the eight whose term expires each year, three at least are ministers, and three are members of the Presbyterian Church.

"The Board of Trustees of the University propose, if the Synod should be divided, that twelve members of the Board shall be appointed, hereafter, by the Synod of South Carolina, and twelve by the Synod of Georgia, in the following manner, (viz.) Of the eight whose term of office will expire at the end of the first year after said division, the Synod of South Carolina shall elect four, of whom two at least must be Ministers, and at least one of the others a member of the Presbyterian Church; and the Synod of Georgia shall elect four, of whom one at least must be a Minister, and two at least of the others members of the Presbyterian Church. At the end of the second year the Synod of South Carolina shall elect four, of whom one at least must be a Minister, and two at least members of the Presbyterian Church; and the Synod of Georgia shall elect four, of whom two at least must be Ministers, and one at least of the others a member of the Presbyterian Church; and so on alternately from year to year.

"According to the present plan it is necessary for the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia to confirm the nominations of the Board for President and Professors in the University. The Board proposes that, in the event of a division of the Synod, these nominations of the Board shall receive the confirmation of each Synod.

"Whenever the Synod of either State shall endow a Professorship in the University, those members of the Board who are appointed by the Synod, shall have the right to nominate to the Synods the Professor to be supported by its endowment.

"In the event of a division of the Synod, the Board of the University shall make a report annually to each of the two Synods. JOHN S. WILSON, *President pro tem.*"

Board of Trustees.

For Three Years—(*from the meeting of Synod in* 1844.)

MINISTERS—J. S. Wilson, F. Bowman, R. Hooker.

LAYMEN—D. C. Campbell, G. T. Snowden, W. Shear, T. Fort, M. G. Harris.

For Two Years.

MINISTERS—T. Smyth, D. D., R. Chamberlain, G. H. W. Petrie, W. Preston, D. D.

LAYMEN—E. A. Nisbet, W. Poe, J. H. Lumpkin, H. V. Johnson.

For One Year.

MINISTERS—T. Goulding, D. D., President of the Board; N. A. Pratt, J. W. Baker.

LAYMEN—C. B. Cole, M. Grieve, R. J. Nichols, J. L. Harris, J. S. Thomas.

Treasurer of the Board—R. J. Nichols.

Secretary of the Board—C. W. Lane.

Prudential Committee— R. J. Nichols, Chairman; T. Fort, R. Chamberlain, D. C. Campbell, M. Grieve, J. S. Thomas, J. L. Harris.

Faculty of the College.

Rev. S. K. TALMAGE, A. M., President, and Professor of Mental and Moral Science and Evidences of Christianity.

Hon. C. B. COLE, Professor of Law.

Rev. T. S. WITHERSPOON, A. M., Professor of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy.

Rev. J. W. BAKER, A. M., Professor of Ancient Languages.

C. W. LANE, A M., Teacher of Mathematics and Astronomy.

R. H. RAMSAY, A. M., Rector of Academy, and ex officio Member of Faculty.

C. W. LANE, Librarian and Secretary of Faculty.

TERMS OF ADMISSION.

Candidates for the Freshman Class must sustain an examination on Cæsar's Commentaries, (4 books,) Virgil, Cicero's Select Orations, Mair's Introduction to Latin Syntax, the Gospels in the Greek Testament, Dalzel's Collectanea Græca Minora, together with Latin and Greek Grammar, including Latin Prosody—also on English Grammar, Arithmetic, and Geography, ancient and modern.

Course of Study.

Freshman Class.

First, or Winter Session.—Cicero, de Amicitia and Senectute; Græca Majora; Latin and Greek Exercises, Algebra, (Day's;) Geography.

Second, or Summer Session.—Cicero, de Officiis and Horace, (Odes;) Græca Majora; Algebra, (completed;) Roman Antiquities.

Sophomore Class.

Winter Session.—Horace, (Satires and Art of Poetry;) Græca Majora; Geometry; Plain Trignometry; History.

Summer Session—Livy; Græca Majora; Plain Trignometry; Mensuration, (Day's;) Navigation; Surveying; History.

Junior Class.

Winter Session.—Spherical Trignometry; Analytic Geometry, (including Conic Sections;) Descriptive Geometry; Differential Calculus; Nautical Astronomy; Belles Lettres; Cicero de Oratore; Longinus.

Summer Session.—Evidences of Christianity; Integral Calculus; Natural Philosophy; Natural Theology; Logic; Cicero de Oratore; Longinus.

Senior Class.

Winter Session—Philosophy of Mind; Moral Philosophy; Natural Philosophy, (completed;) Chemistry; Quintilian; Greek Tragedies.

Summer Session—Astronomy; Chemistry; Languages; General Review.

TERMS AND VACATIONS.

The College year is divided into two terms or sessions—The first session begins on the first Monday in January, and closes on the second Wednesday in May. The second session begins four weeks after the close of the first session, (middle of June,) and continues until the day of the Annual Commencement, which occurs on the Wednesday after the second Monday in November.

EXPENSES.

Tuition in College, per annum, (payable half yearly in advance,)				$50 00
Academy—Languages,	"	"	"	36 00
" English,	"	"	"	28 00

Board can be obtained, including meals and washing, for from $8 to $10 per month.

The Students furnish their own rooms. Fuel and lights will cost about $12 per annum,—and servant's hire, to those who employ the servant, 75 cents per month.

REPORT

Of the Synodical Committee of Education.

RECEIPTS OF THE SYNODICAL COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION FOR THE YEAR CLOSING IN NOVEMBER, 1844.

Nov. 7, 1843. From Mrs Mary A Ellison, Treasurer of the Ladies Education Society of Jackson Creek church,			$20 25
Dec. 2. Ladies' Working Society of Greenwood, by Colonel Smith,	$59 00		
May 9, 1844, Do. do by Mr. Anderson,	60 00		
Oct 16, Do do from Mrs Logan, Treasurer,	60 00	—179 00	
Dec 6, 1843, Rev. Wm H. Davis, from Hopewell church, through Mr. Snowden,		19 00	
Do from Willington church,		50 00	
From Mrs Jane Giles, Alcovia church, thro' Rev. J. C. Patterson,		1 00	
Beech Island, through Mr. Saml Clarke,		15 00	
Dec 14, Collection in Presbyterian church, Columbia,	$175 50		
Jan 4, 1844. Mrs Wilson, from Ladies Society, Columbia, per Rev. Mr Palmer,	25 00		
Jan 23. Ladies' Sewing Society, per Mrs. Howe,	45 00		
March 29, Do do. do.	50 00		
March 30, Donation of Wm. Law,	75 00		
Nov 16, Collection in Presbyterian church, Columbia,	215 82	—586 32	
Feb. 10, Church at Laurens C H. by Dr Simpson,	35 00		
Feb 27, Do. do. do	10 50	—45 50	
Feb 10, Church in Augusta, through Rev. Mr. Dod,		240 00	
Feb 13, Church at Union C. H by Col. Clowney,		13 75	
Feb 19, Church at Fishing Creek, per Rev J R. Gilland,	20 00		
July 9, A few ladies of do. by Mrs McFadden, through Rev. J R Gilland,	30 00	—50 00	
Feb 22, Midway church, Liberty county, Geo , per Rev I S K Axson, through J W Robarts,	129 50		
July 30, Female Education Society, by Rev Charles C Jones,	136 75	—266 25	
Feb 26 Waxhaw church, per Rev W P Harrison,		10 00	
Feb 28, Church in Bryan County, Geo , per Thomas S Clay,		40 00	
March 5, Purity church, Chester, per Rev. Mr. Douglas,		35 75	

March 5, Concord Church, Fairfield, per do.		10 00
March 6, Fairview church, Gwinnett Co., Geo. per Thomas W. Alexander, Treasurer.		15 00
March 12, A Member of Presbyterian ch., St. Mary's, Georgia, through Rev Mr. Baird,		50 00
March 13, Fairforest church, per Rev J. H. Saye,		12 31
Cane Creek, per do. do		6 75
Donation of John Wright, Esq., per do.		5 00
Donation of Col. Gist and family, per do.		5 00
A Friend, per do.		94
March 15, Ephesus church, Ga., per Rev T F. Montgomery,		25 00
March 27, Robarts' church, Anderson, per Mr Anderson.		20 00
Bethany church, Flint River Presbytery, by H. B. Richards, Esq , through Rev. Mr. Gildersleeve,		3 00
March 29, Mt Zion church, Ga , by Rev. Francis Bowman,		32 00
Lagrange church, Ga., by Rev Mr Cunningham.		12 00
April 2, Presbyterian church, Athens, Ga., per E. L Newton,		68 42
Presbyterian church, Sandy Creek, Ga., by Mr. Shear,		8 38
April 8, A Member of the Presbytery of Charleston, per Dr. Howe,		10 00
April 9, Nazareth Congregation, Spartanburg, per Rev Mr. Holmes,	36 25	
June 11, Do. through Maj Leland.	15 00	51 25
April 15, Rosswell church, Cobb Co., Ga., per Rev. Mr. Pratt,		40 00
April 23, Catholic church, per Rev Mr Banks,		21 50
May 9, Varennes church, Anderson, per Mr Anderson,		6 50
May 16, Rocky Creek church, per Dr J W. Simpson,		12 12
May 21, Yorkville church, per Rev. F. Jacobs.		25 00
Salem church, per do		10 00
May 31 Dr. J W Simpson, Treasurer of South Carolina Presbytery, per Rev J Gibert,		32 89
June 22, White Bluff Congregational ch., per Rev. Benjamin Burroughs,		15 00
Received from the Scholarships in the Theological Seminary :—		
Jan 6, 1844 Scholarship of Ladies Education Society of Congregational and Presbyterian church, Charleston, semi-annual dividend,	$55 00	
May 19 Do. do.	55 00	
Jan. 13, Do. Lanneau Scholarship,	50 00	160 00
Total of receipts,		$2,229 98

EXPENDITURES OF THE SYNODICAL COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION FOR THE YEAR CLOSING IN NOVEMBER, 1844.

Nov. 5. 1843. Balance due Law & Ellison,	$831 74
Jan 3 1844, Appropriations to Beneficiaries,	275 00
Feb 10. Paid to a Beneficiary, money contributed for him,	35 00
Feb. 13. For the support of Student in Oglethorpe University,	100 00
March 1, Appropriations to Beneficiaries,	500 00
Do. to a particular Beneficiary,	15 00
June 24, Appropriations to Beneficiaries,	600 00
Sept 11. Balance of Interest.	22 01
Nov 16. Paid postage on Circular Letters,	13 88
Dec. 11, Balance of Interest,	5 83
Total of Expenditures,	$2,398 10
Leaving a debt of	$168 42

The above comprises only the sums which passed through the Treasury of the Education Committee The 2d Presbyterian Church in Charleston supported directly three Beneficiaries, and the Church at Macon, one, under the general care of the Committee, for which not less than $700 should be added to the contributions for this object. The Presbytery of Harmony appears to have raised during the same time about $250, in their own independent action, and perhaps more, making the whole amount raised during the last Synodical year for this cause, within the bounds of Synod, at least $3,179 98.

The Education Committee being indebted to the amount of $831 74, at the meeting of Synod in 1843, were directed by Synod to use all diligence in diminishing and cancelling the debt. To accomplish this they were obliged to stint the Beneficiaries in their appropriations, and to use the most vigorous measures to secure an increased amount of contribution —They accordingly issued more than ninety Circular Letters to the different Churches of Synod, which occasioned the Committee no small labour, and which were answered by about 35 churches, with what results the preceding accounts will show Sixteen churches in the Presbytery of Harmony contributed directly to the Treasury of that Presbytery for the support of their own Beneficiaries,—making in all 51 churches out of the whole number in Synod, contributing to this cause, which is less than one-third. This was a decided improvement on some former years, but did not free the Committee from debt, and is by no means what the Churches in this Synod are bound to do for the support of this charity It was hoped it would not be necessary to resort to the same method to direct attention to this object again. It was hoped that the charity of the Church would be found based on principle, and that when the year returned this cause would be remembered But the books of the Treasurer show but $594 72, received this year before the 1st of May, for $1692 65 received last year This cause, then, is again forgotten or neglected, and the season of the year is fast passing away when our congregations are accustomed to make their contributions. Were God like us, so inconstant, so remiss in his beneficence, we the creatures of his power would long since have been famished with hunger, or parched, gasping and dead, with thirst. Were heaven like earth, or even like any community of God's believing children which earth contains, the lot of man would indeed be weeping, lamentation, and woe. The above account of the Committee for the last Synodical year should have been appended to the printed Minutes of Synod. As it has been overlooked in the publication of those Minutes, it is now published for the information of the Churches, and as a memento of present duty

In behalf of the Committee.

GEORGE HOWE, *Cor. Secretary.*

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